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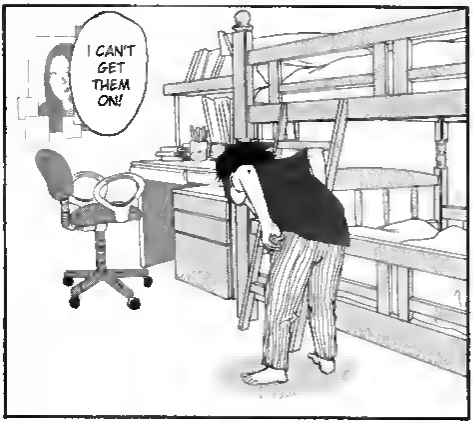
10. LOVE TRIANGLE?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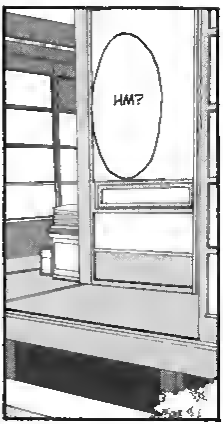
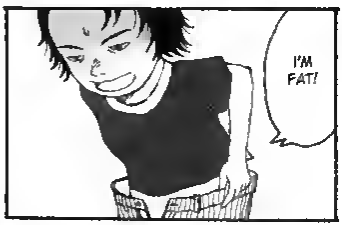

HM?

KICK
I'M FAT !!
KICK


I'M FAT!

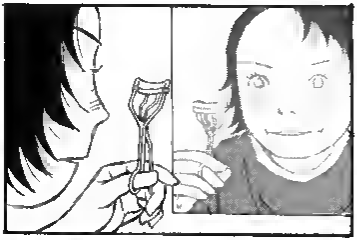
SO WHAT?

IT'S 'CAUSE YOU EAT TOO MUCH!

SO I STARTED WATCHING WHAT I EAT.
I DIDN'T WANT TO END UP LIKE YOU
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THE WORD "DIET".
YOU WERE PRETTY CHUBBY AT HER AGE, TOO
THEY ALL THINK I'M FAT 'CAUSE I EAT TOO MUCH
KIDS YOUR AGE NEED TO EAT A LOT TO GROW
EAT UP, HARU-CHAN
BUT IF THIS REALLY IS A BABY,
I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT MYSELF,
WILL I KEEP GETTING FATTER AND FATTER...?

A CHUBBY TUMMY IN ELEMENT-ARY SCHOOL
WILL BECOME BREASTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
HAHA,
YOUR GRANDMA'S RIGHT.

WHAT'S HARUNA DOING ?
OH

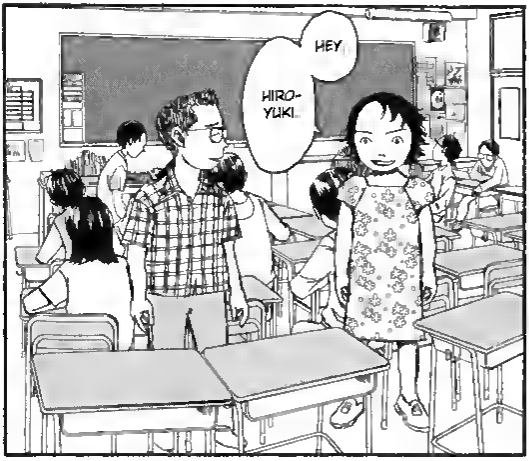


SHE'S PLAYING WITH MAKE-UP.

THERE'S DAIGO!
OH.
THEN I'LL ATTACK
LISTEN, HIROYUKI
YOU RUN AHEAD AND DISTRACT HIM

?
WHAT ?
YOU'RE THAT WIMP FROM CLASS 1.
?
poke

Aha
haha
ha!
COME BACK!
PERVERT!
ARGH!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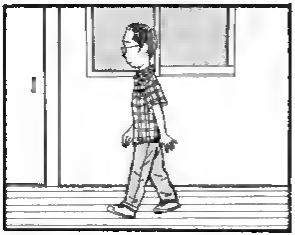
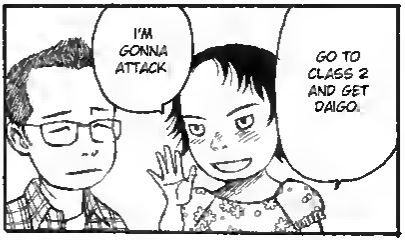
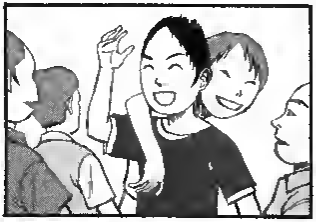
HIRO-YUKI.

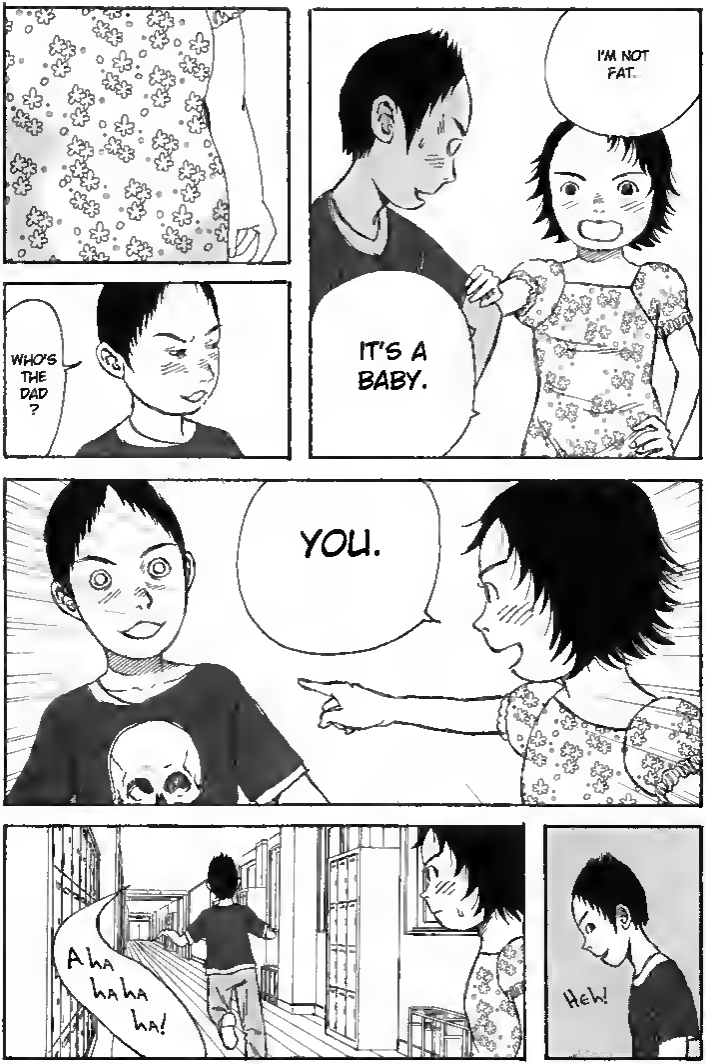


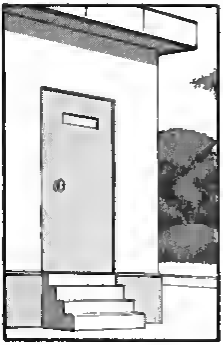

I'M GONNA ATTACK
GO TO CLASS 2 AND GET DAIGO.

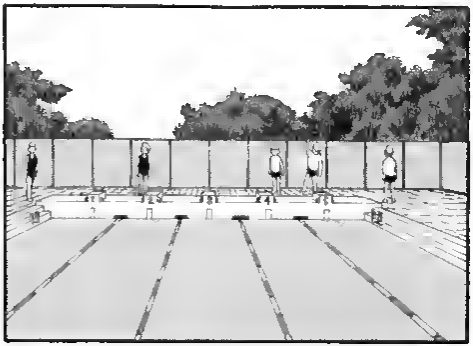


WHAT?
ARE YOU TWO IN THIS TOGETHER !?
YOU BASTARD !
DAIGO
DAIGO AND HARUNA!
DAIGO AND HARUNA!
HEH!
ARE THEY A COUPLE?
I THINK HARUNA LIKES DAIGO.

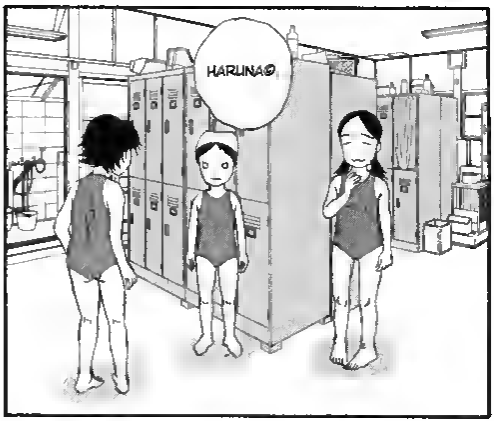
HOW MEAN.
YOU'RE FAT.
AHAHA HAHA!
ALL GIRLS ARE FAT.
GRAB!

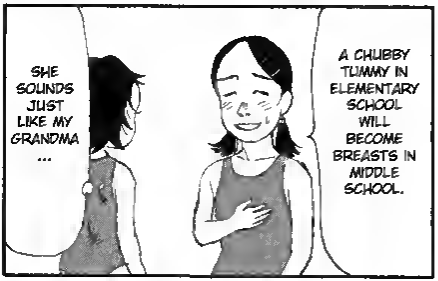

I'M NOT FAT.
IT'S A BABY.
WHO'S THE DAD?
YOU.
Aha haha ha!
Hew!





I'M FAT.


HARUNA©.

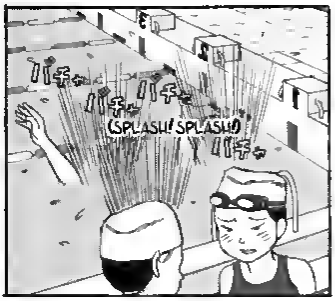

SHE SOUNDS JUST LIKE MY GRANDMA ...
A CHUBBY TUMMY IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL BECOME BREASTS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

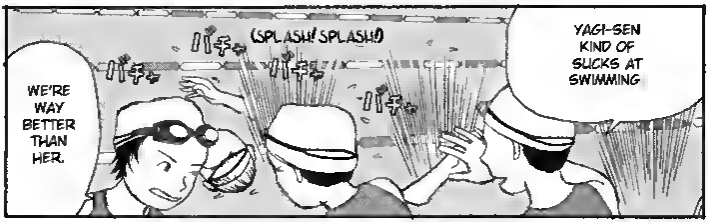
DON'T WORRY, HARUNA©.

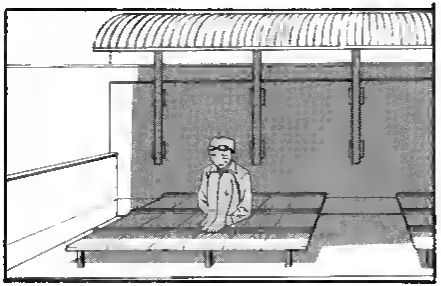
HOW COME WE HAVE TO HAVE SWIMMING WITH HIS CLASS?
I DON'T WANT DAIGO TO SEE ME LIKE THIS.
I HEARD IT'S FROM DRINKING TOO MUCH BEER.
LOOK HOW MUCH MIYA-ZAKI-SENSEI'S BELLY STICKS OUT.
I LOOK JUST LIKE MIYA-SEN...
EW...

(SPLOOSH!)

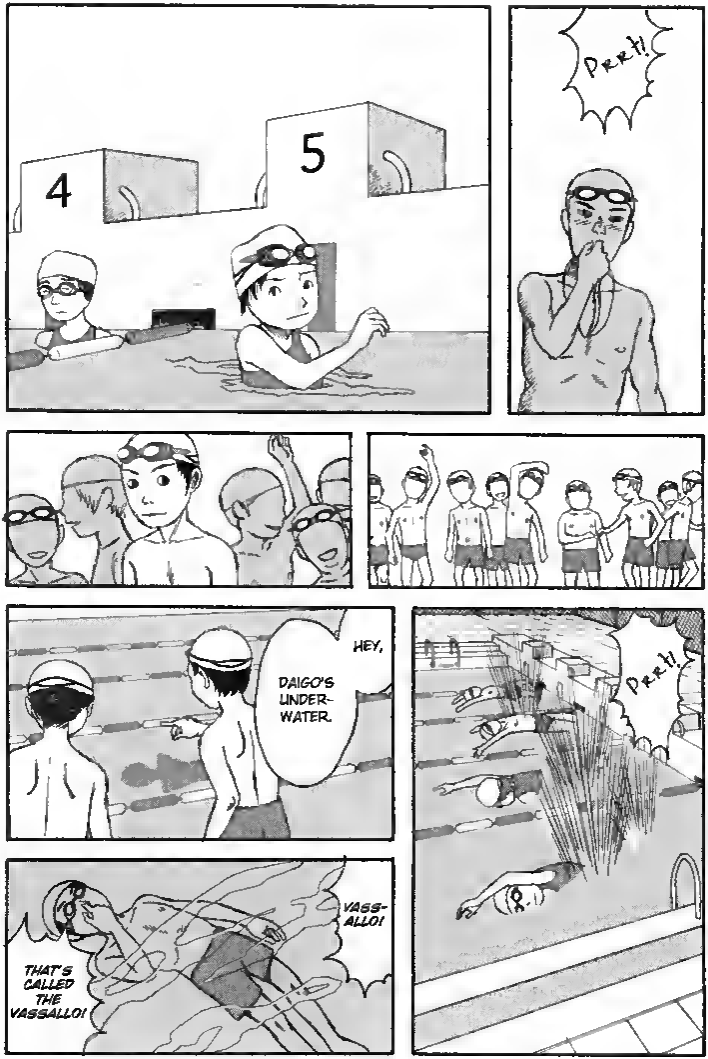
JUST PRETEND YOU'RE REACHING FOR SOMETHING FAR AWAY!
THIS IS HOW YOU DO THE CRAWL!


(SPLASH! SPLASH!)

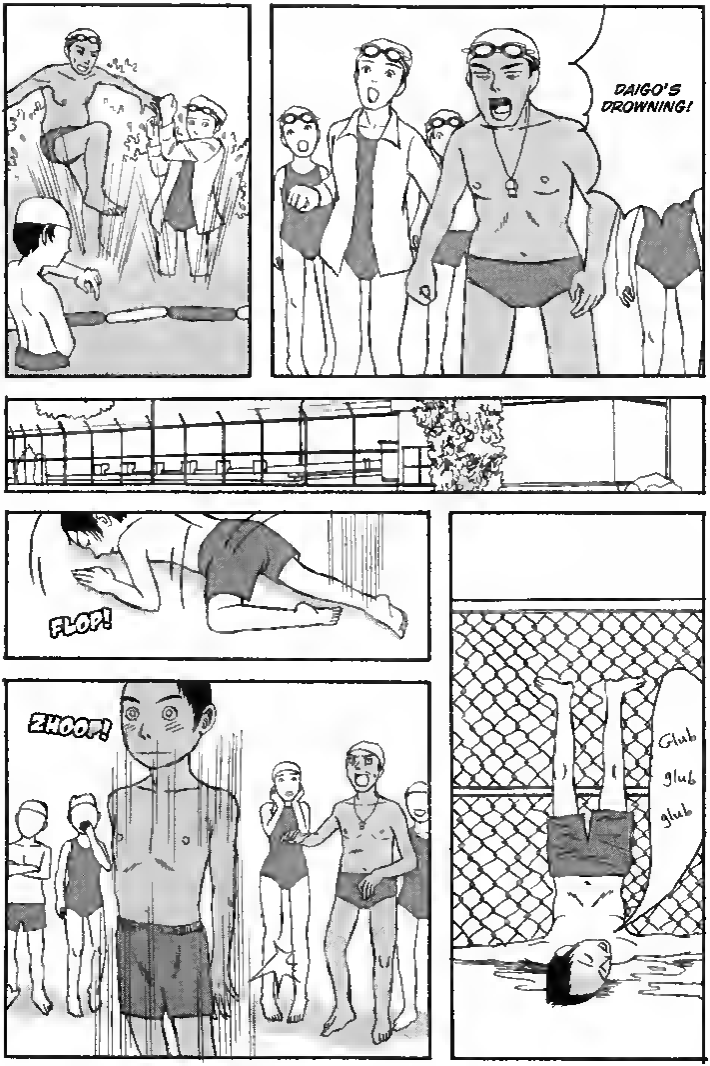

(SPLASH! SPLASH!)
WE'RE WAY BETTER THAN HER.
YAGI-SEN KIND OF SUCKS AT SWIMMING

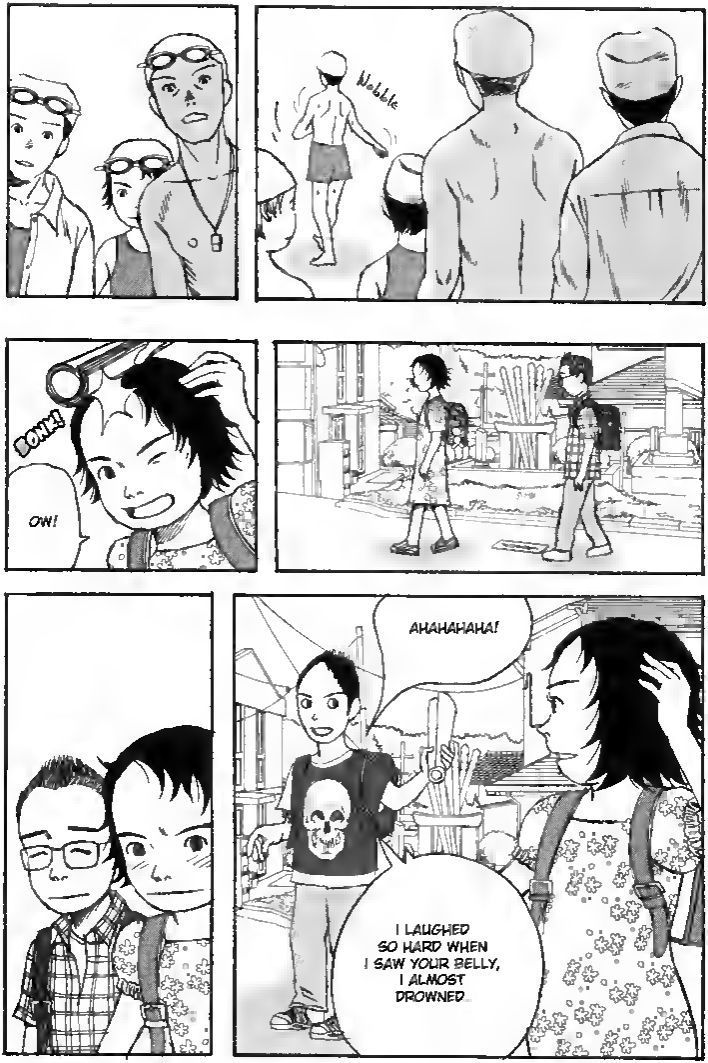


Huff!
Puff!
Huff!
Puff!
Huff!
Puff!
Huff!
Puff!



21 NOTE: JESSE VASSALLO WAS A PUERTO RICAN OLYMPIC SWIMMER IN THE EARLY '90S. IN JAPAN, HIS NAME IS SYNONYMOUS WITH SWIMMING UNDERWATER.


DAIGO'S DROWNING!
FLOP!
ZHOOP!
Glub glub glub


Wobble
BONK!
OW!
AHAHAHAHA!
I LAUGHED SO HARD WHEN I SAW YOUR BELLY, I ALMOST DROWNED

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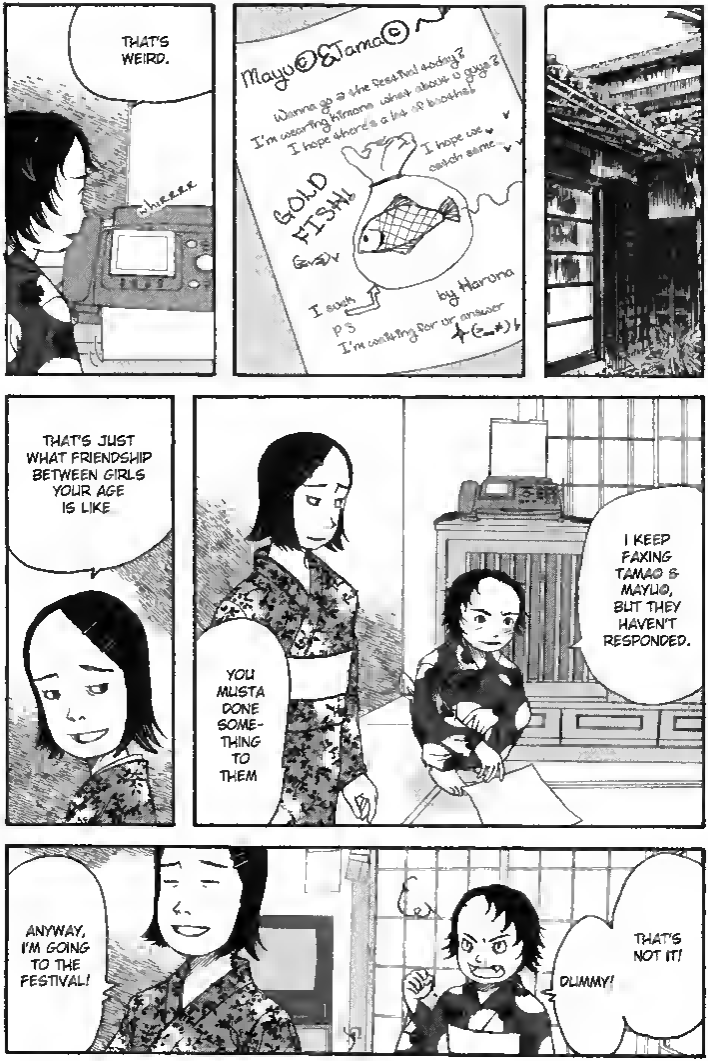
11. THE MASKED CONFESSION

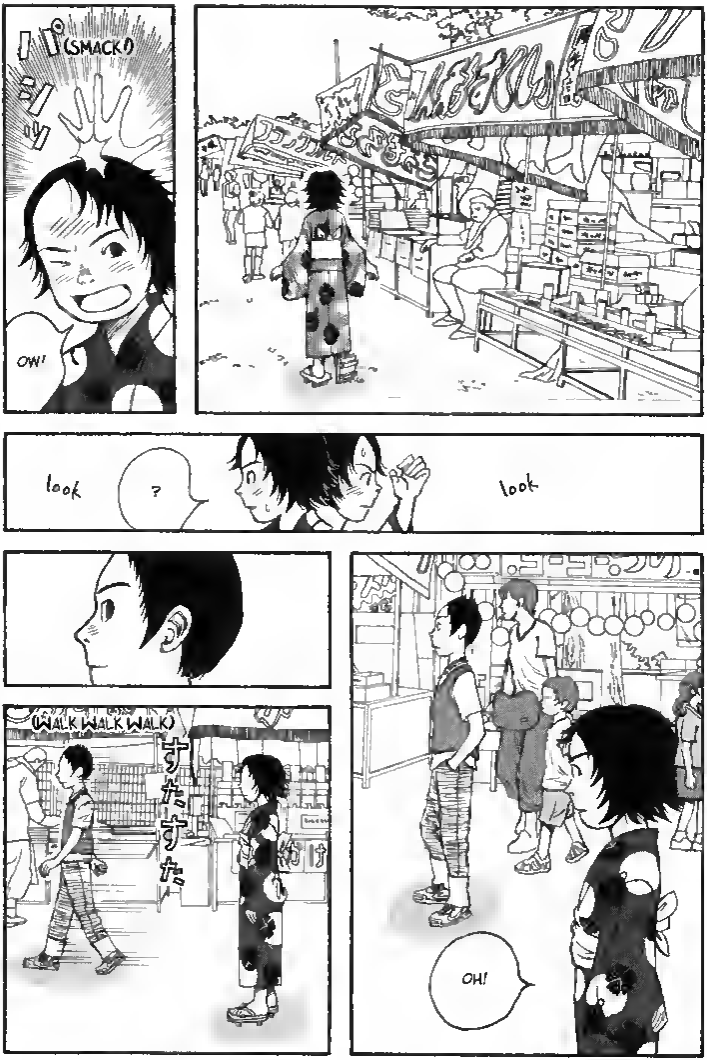

THAT'S WEIRD.
Shreeee
Mayu♡&Tama♡
Wanna go to the festival today?
I'm wearing Kimono what about U guys?
I hope there's a lot of festivals!
I hope we switch same.
GOLD FISH
I wish
by Haruna
P.S
I'm waiting for ur answer
THAT'S JUST WHAT FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GIRLS YOUR AGE IS LIKE
YOU MUSTA DONE SOME-THING TO THEM
I KEEP FAXING TAMAO & MAYUO, BUT THEY HAVEN'T RESPONDED.
ANYWAY, I'M GOING TO THE FESTIVAL!
DUMMY!
THAT'S NOT IT!

HARUNA'S JUST NOT LIKE US
I DON'T GET WHAT SHE'S THINKING.
DID YOU HEAR?
HARUNA AND DAIGO ARE PLAYING "BABY"
YOSHIDA MIKA!
UGH!
YOU GUYS SHOULDN'T LITTER!
HEY!
MIKA ALWAYS ACTS LIKE THE CLASS REP EVEN WHEN WE'RE NOT IN SCHOOL
UGH!

TAMAO!
MAYUO!
IT'S HARUNA.
WELL, WE DID IGNORE MAYUO THAT TIME...
THEY'RE DEFINITELY AVOIDING ME...
SO I GUESS IT'S MY TURN NOW...

MOM! I NEED MORE MONEY!
KARAOKE SIGN-UPS ARE OPEN UNTIL 5
I GAVE YOU 1000 YEN, DIDN'T I?
BUT I SPENT IT ALL ON GOLDFISH
YOU CAN'T HAVE A GOLDFISH
WELL, I COULDN'T CATCH ONE ANYWAY!
THEY DIE TOO SOON
WHAT A WASTE OF MONEY.
HERE, HARU
GRANDPA

FESTIVAL DAYS ARE SPECIAL
EW, SAKE
HAHA... THANKS.
OH, STOP SPOILING HER
WOW!
YOU'RE GOOD


(SMACK)
OW!
look
?
look
(WALK WALK WALK)
すたすた
OH!

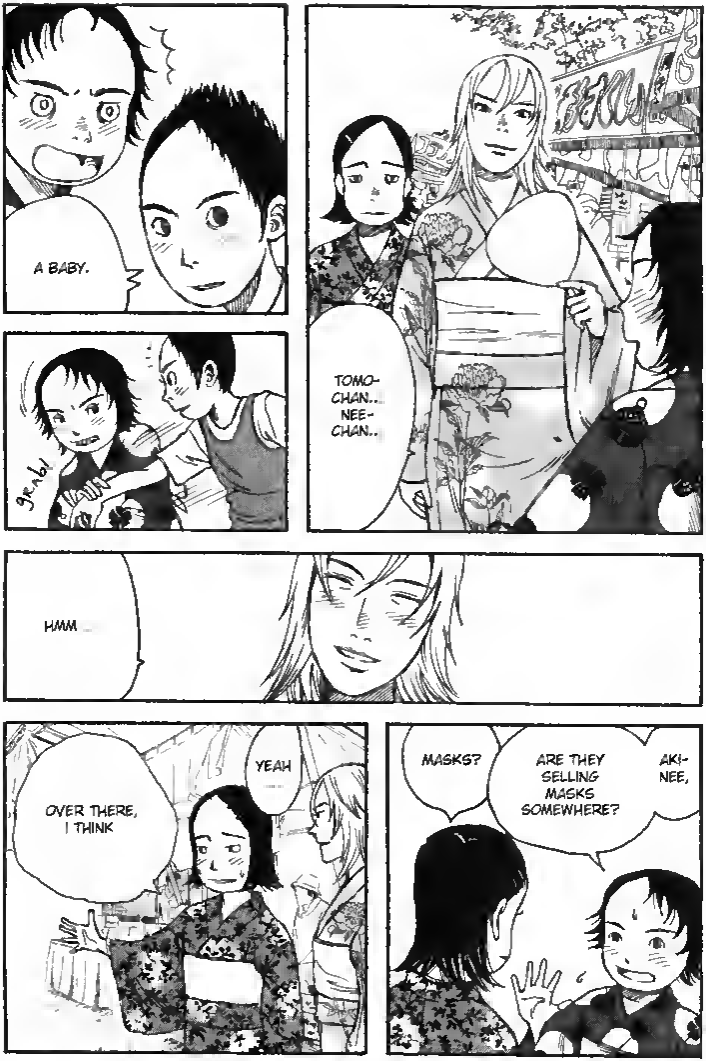
THERE'S NOTHING TO TALK ABOUT...
YOU CAUGHT A GOLDFISH
COOL!
HEHE!

YOU CAN HAVE IT.
HUH? REALLY?
WOW.
IT'S JUST GONNA DIE SOON ANYWAY.
HIROYUKI.
IF IT ISN'T THAT WUSS FROM CLASS 1
HARU-NA

YOU CAN HAVE THEM.
HA-RU-NA
WHOA!
YOU'RE AN EXPERT, HIROYUKI
IT'S OK I'VE ALREADY GOT ONE
OH.
BUT...
THANKS, HIROYUKI.

THERE, THERE
THE BABY
WHAT'S THAT?
OUR BABY
HUH!?
HE DOESN'T GET IT...

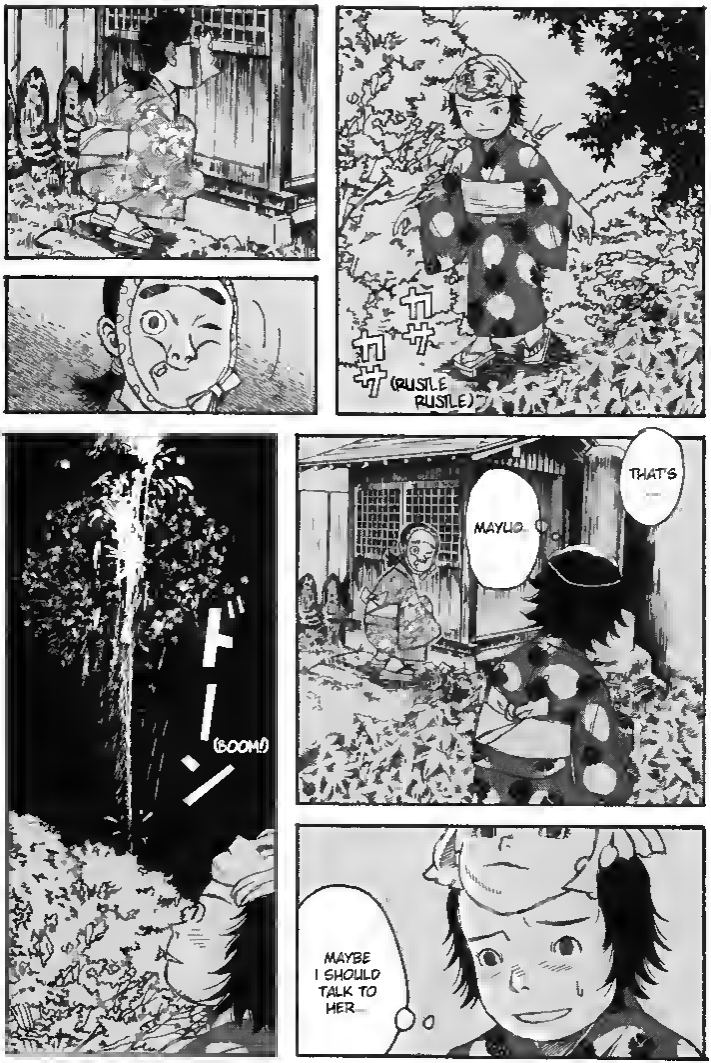
IT'S STILL
PROBABLY NO BIGGER THAN THIS...
HUH?
THE BABY'S STILL IN HERE!
IT'S NOT EVEN BORN YET?
HEY!
Toss!
WHAT?
DID YOU DROP SOME-THING?
IT'S JUST PRE-TEND...
DON'T JUST THROW IT AWAY...


A BABY.
TOMO-CHAN.. NEE-CHAN..
HMM...
MASKS?
ARE THEY SELLING MASKS SOMEWHERE?
AKI-NEE,
YEAH...
OVER THERE, I THINK

HEY!
SEE YA.
GUESS WHO
HEY!

TCH!
WE'RE PLAYING MASKED HIDE AND SEEK
PIGMAN AND MITSUO, DUH.
IT'S TOTALLY OBVIOUS.
I'M IN!
YOU HIDE WITH YOUR MASK ON AND TRY TO GUESS WHO'S WHO.
THERE'S SO MANY...

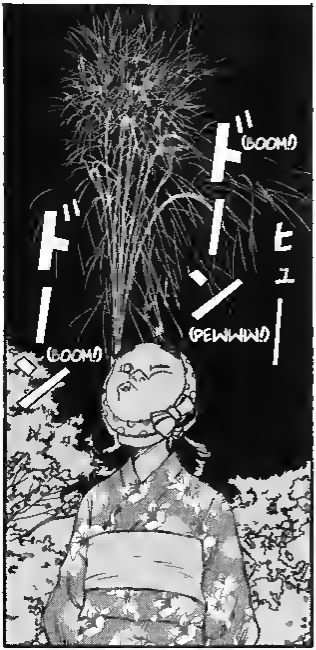
NO. 5
I'LL BE SINGING MIRENZAKA
1...2...3...4...
5...6...7...8...


(RUSTLE RUSTLE)
ドーン
(BOOM!)
MAYUO...
THAT'S
MAYBE I SHOULD TALK TO HER...

ULP!
HUH!?
WHAT!?
WHEE!
gurp
HE'S DRUNK.
GROSS...
ULP!

BLEHHH!
OOH!
OOH!
THANKS
MAYLIO

IT'S TRUE...
ABOUT THE BABY


(BOOM!)
(BOOM!)
(PEWWWW)

SEEMS LIKE THIS IS MORNING SICKNESS

AND I HAVEN'T HAD MY PERIOD IN AGES.

WHAT SHOULD I DO...
MAYUO ...?

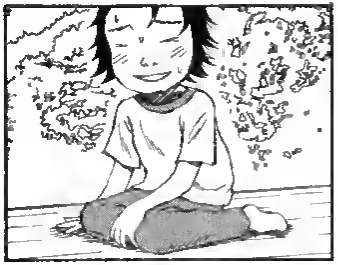
THE BABY IN HER STOMACH SEEMED AS FRAGILE AS A GOLDFISH...

171 DAYS UNTIL HARUNA GIVES BIRTH.

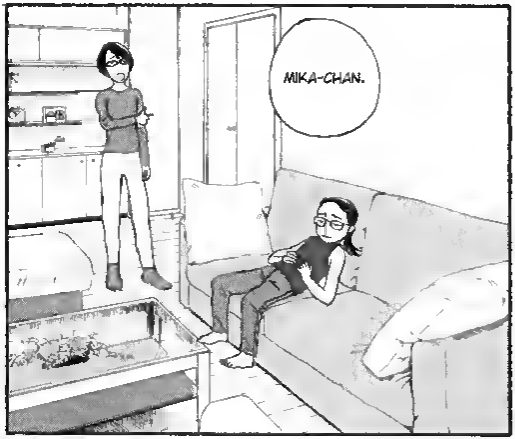
12. HARUNA'S LONELINESS

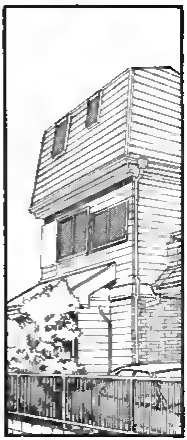
THIS SUCKS...
I THOUGHT I WAS TALKING TO MAYUO ABOUT THE BABY INSIDE ME...
AND IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE MIKA, OF ALL PEOPLE...
SIGH...

SHE'LL TELL THE TEACHERS.
MIKA'LL TELL HER PARENTS FOR SURE.
BRRRRING
THEY'LL MAKE A HUGE FUSS..
HELLO?
YES...
BRRRRING
WHAT DID SHE DO?
(BADUMP BADUMP)
(BADUMP BADUMP)
OH, IS THAT SO..
I WILL.

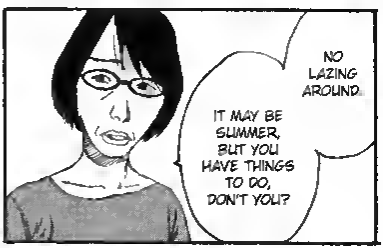


HARU-NA...
SOMEONE FOUND YOUR WALLET AND TURNED IT IN AT THE POLICE STATION

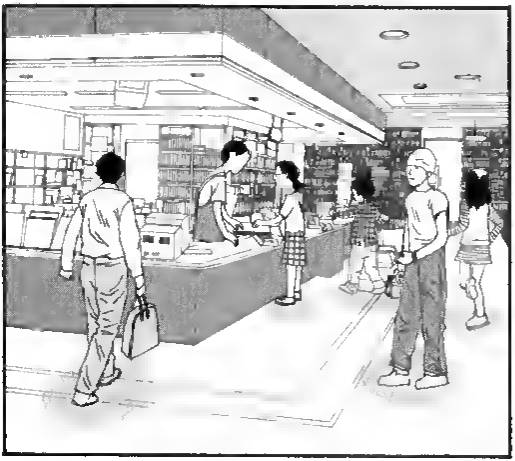
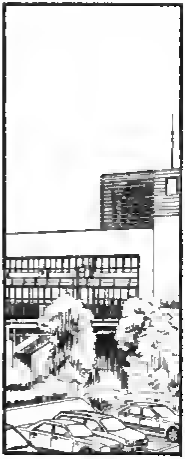

MIKA-CHAN.



I DID ALL MY HOME-WORK.


NO LAZING AROUND.
IT MAY BE SUMMER, BUT YOU HAVE THINGS TO DO, DON'T YOU?

ANYWAY, EVERYONE ELSE IN MY CLASS LEAVES THEIR HOMEWORK FOR THE 30TH OR 31ST.
YOU STILL HAVEN'T CHOSEN A TOPIC FOR YOUR INDEPENDENT STUDY PROJECT.
I CAN DO THAT AT THE END OF THE SUMMER
MIKA
I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT OF BACKTALK FROM YOU LATELY.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
TO THE LIBRARY
"EVERYONE ELSE" IS NOT YOU.
BESIDES, YOU HAVE A SUMMER COURSE AT THE END OF AUGUST.
.....

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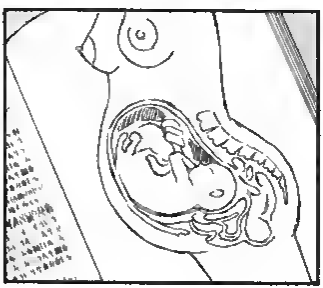
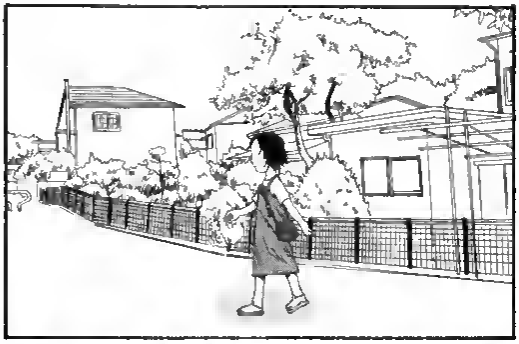
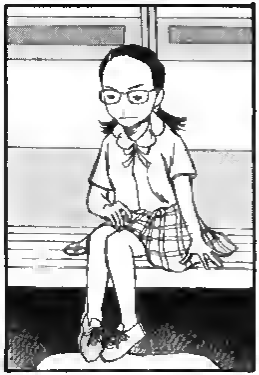
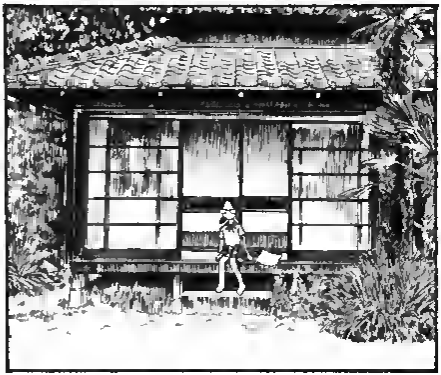
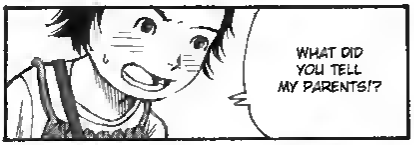




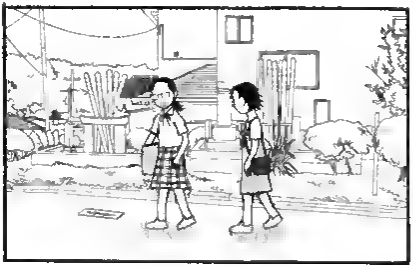


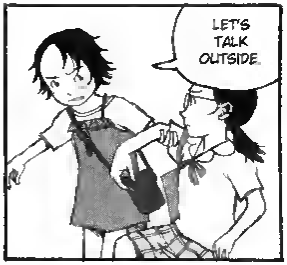



WHAT DID YOU TELL MY PARENTS!?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE!?

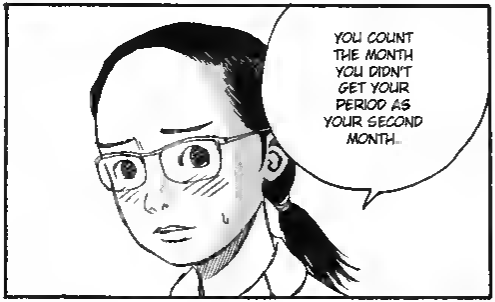
I CAME TO SEE YOU.
NOTH-ING.




LET'S TALK OUTSIDE.

HEY.
WHEN DID YOU LAST HAVE YOUR PERIOD?

I READ A LOT ABOUT BABIES TODAY


YOU COUNT THE MONTH YOU DIDN'T GET YOUR PERIOD AS YOUR SECOND MONTH.

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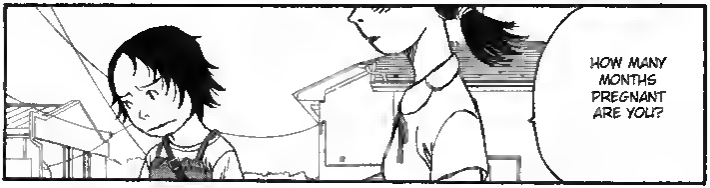
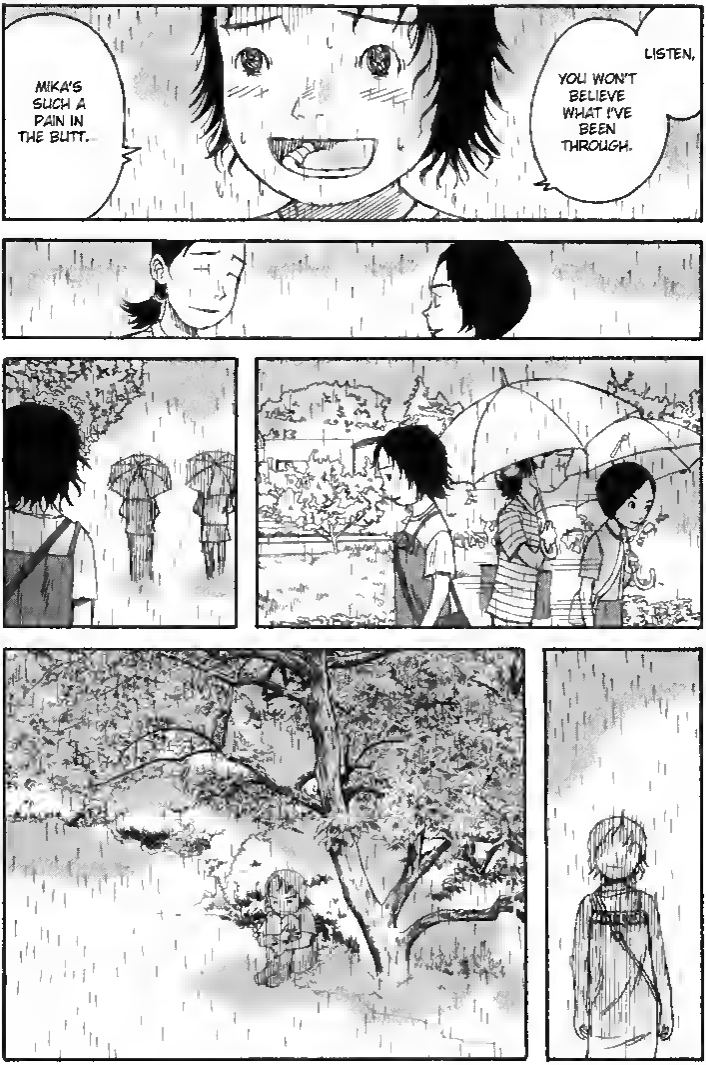

HOW MANY MONTHS PREGNANT ARE YOU?

THIS IS...
YOU'VE GOT TO TELL AN ADULT..
.....
WHY DON'T YOU TELL YOUR MOM?
WHY DON'T YOU TELL YAGI-SENSEI?
OH!
HELLO. IT SURE IS HOT TODAY, ISN'T IT?
OH, HELLO, MIKA-CHAN
MIKA-CHAN.
Hehehe
WHAT A POLITE YOUNG LADY YOU ARE,
.....

I THINK AN ABORTION WOULD BE REALLY DANGEROUS
BUT IF YOU DON'T GET ONE...
THINGS'LL BE EVEN WORSE
YOU CAN'T
GET AN ABORTION AFTER THE 23RD WEEK...
A KID OUR AGE CAN'T HAVE A BABY!
I MEAN ..
Annoyed!
IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS, MIKA!
.....

IT'S
THAT I'M ALWAYS GETTING YELLED AT!
IT'S BECAUSE OF KIDS LIKE YOU
I'M THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE.
YES, IT IS!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU JUST TELL SOMEONE?
TELL YOUR MOM!
TELL YAGI-SEN! I DON'T CARE!

MAYLIO
TAMAO


MIKA'S SUCH A PAIN IN THE BUTT.
LISTEN, YOU WON'T BELIEVE WHAT I'VE BEEN THROUGH.

YOU'RE GIVING UP ALREADY?
YOU'RE NOT KEEPING TIME ON THE UPBOW..
YOU CAN'T HIDE ANYTHING FROM ME
DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT WITH YOUR FRIEND?

.....

FRIENDS ARE IMPORTANT.

THAT'S WHY I WANT YOU TO GO TO A BETTER MIDDLE SCHOOL AND MAKE BETTER FRIENDS...

STUPID FRIENDS WILL ONLY MAKE YOU STUPID.
THAT'S THE TRUTH.

I...
REALLY REGRET SENDING YOU TO A PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...

IT'S ONE THING TO COME HOME ALL WET...
(CLUNK)
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU JUST GOT IN BED LIKE THAT.
(RUB RUB)
A KID OUR AGE CAN'T HAVE A BABY!
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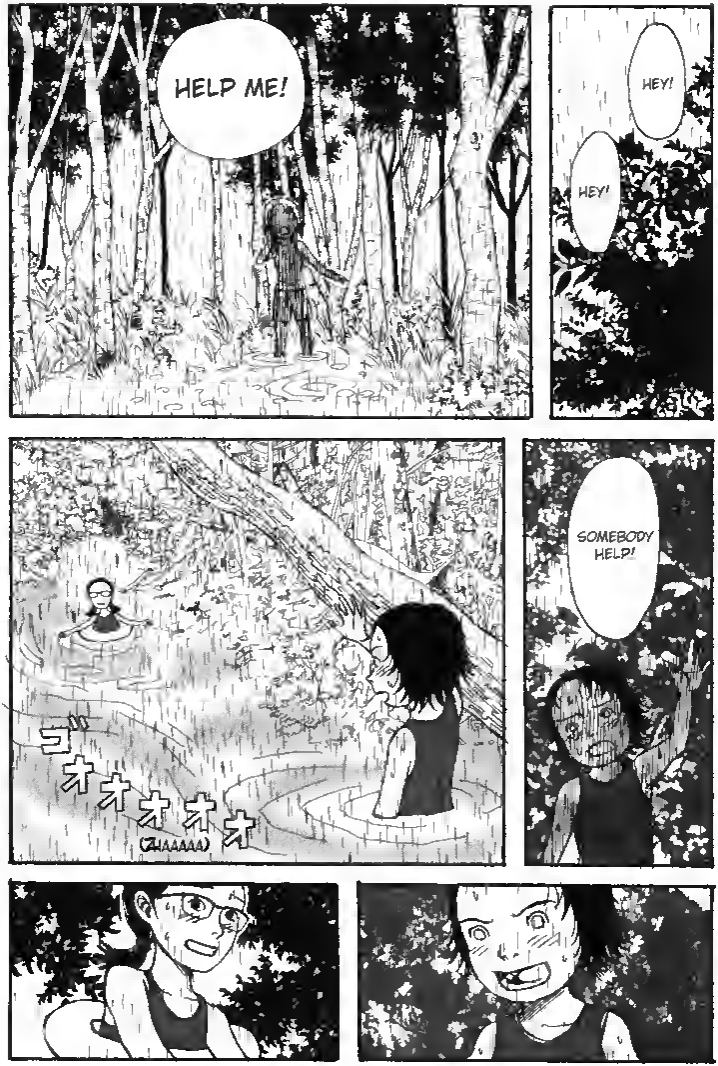
BRRRRRING
BRRRRRING
Badump!
(BADUMP BADUMP)
OH!
YOU'RE MIKA-CHAN'S MOTHER?
MIKA-CHAN'S SUCH A RESPONSIBLE YOUNG LADY.
Hahaha
(BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP BADUMP)
.....
I HEARD MIKA WAS YOUR GUEST TODAY... HOHOHOHO
ALL I DID WAS GIVE THE GIRLS SOME BARLEY TEA
OH, IT WAS NOTHING.


HELP ME!
HEY!
HEY!
SOMEBODY HELP!
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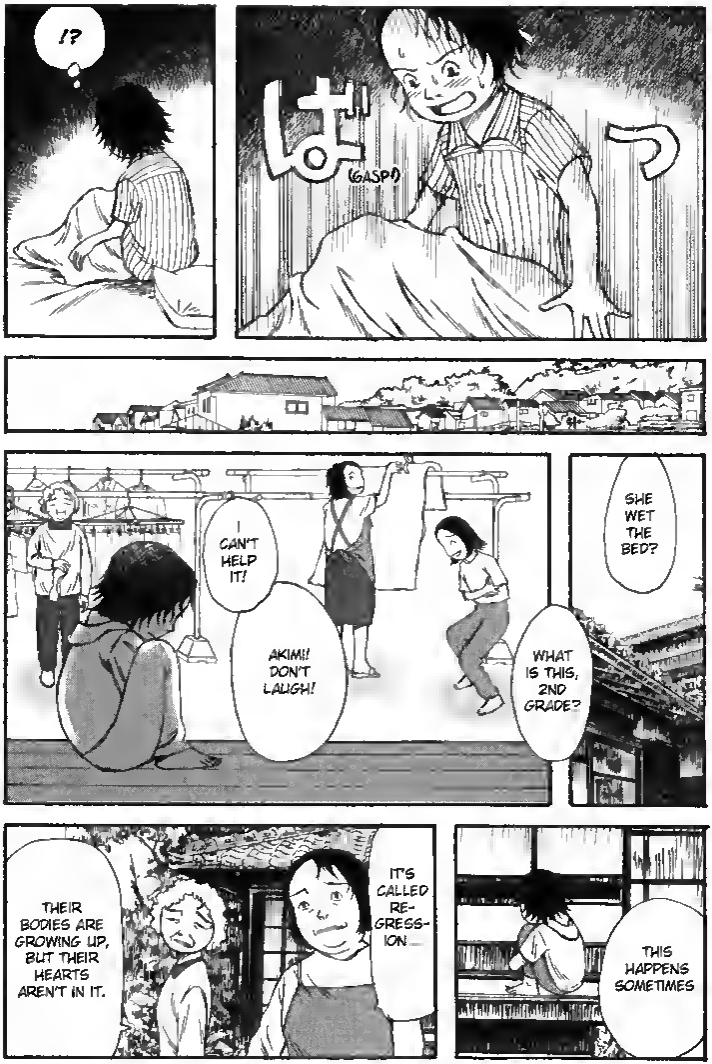
(AHAAAAA)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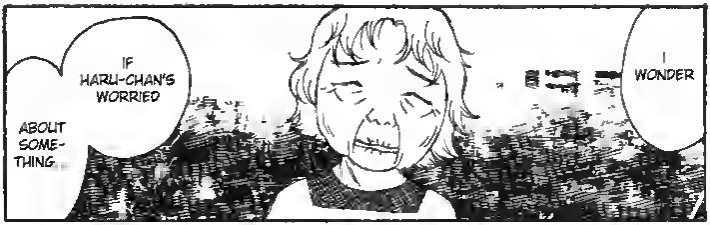
(GASP!)
SHE WET THE BED?
WHAT IS THIS, 2ND GRADE?
AKIM!! DON'T LAUGH!
I CAN'T HELP IT!
THIS HAPPENS SOMETIMES
IT'S CALLED RE-GRESS-ION...
THEIR BODIES ARE GROWING UP, BUT THEIR HEARTS AREN'T IN IT.



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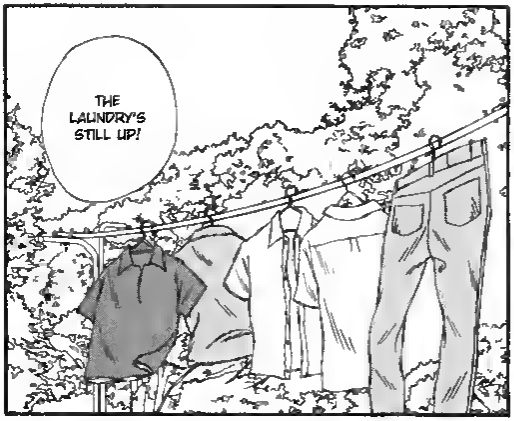
13. HEARTBEAT


THE LAUNDRY'S STILL UP!

HARU-NA!

YOU CAN'T GET AN ABORTION AFTER THE 23RD WEEK.

HARUNA, ARE YOU TAKING THIS SERIOUSLY!?
TIME'S ALMOST UP.

THAT'S THIS WEEK.

GASP!
HARUNA, YOU IDIOT!
PEOPLE WHO DON'T DO THEIR JOBS
REALLY SHOULDN'T BE EATING DINNER AT ALL.

GROWN UPS STILL HAVE TO WORK HARD TO FEED THEIR FAMILIES!
EVEN IF THEY HAVE A FIGHT WITH THEIR FRIEND
OR HAVE A FEVER,
ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT IS PLAYING!
HARU-NA,
A FAX CAME FOR YOU
Typhoon 18 is approaching quickly...
HARUNA
Meeting @ 2pm @ Mitsuo's
OR
ELS
MIKA

AS AN OBSTETRICIAN, HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO HELP WITHOUT CAUSING A FUSS
YOU SHOULD TALK TO MITSUO'S DAD.
WHEN THEY DO THE OPERATION TO GET RID OF THE BABY...
(RUMBLE)
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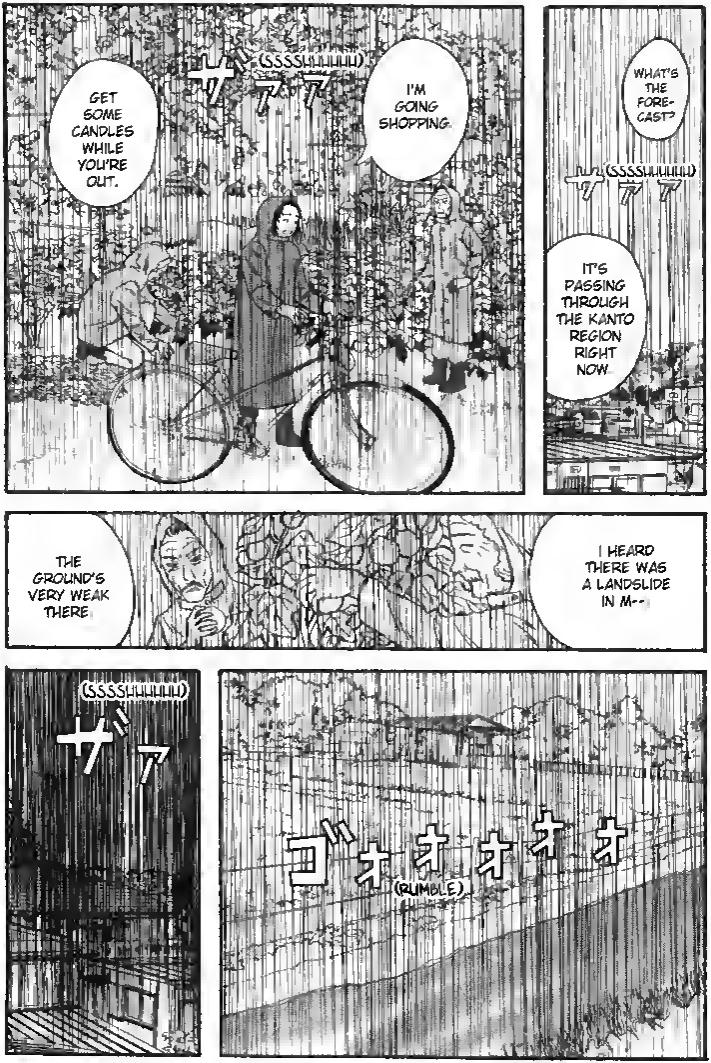
THEY OPEN YOUR LEGS AND DIG IT OUT WITH A SPATULA.


ザァァァ (SSSSHHHHHH)
I'M GOING SHOPPING.
GET SOME CANDLES WHILE YOU'RE OUT.
WHAT'S THE FORE-CAST?
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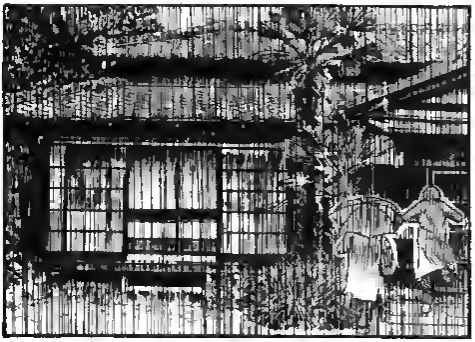
IT'S PASSING THROUGH THE KANTO REGION RIGHT NOW.
I HEARD THERE WAS A LANDSLIDE IN M--
THE GROUND'S VERY WEAK THERE.
ザァ (SSSSHHHHHH)
ゴォォォォォ (RUMBLE)

HELLO!
SIGN: NAHATAME CLINIC
WHERE'S HARUNA?
NOT HERE YET...
WHAT ARE THESE GUYS DOING HERE ANYWAY?



(SSSSHUUUUU)
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I'VE REALLY GOT TO GO

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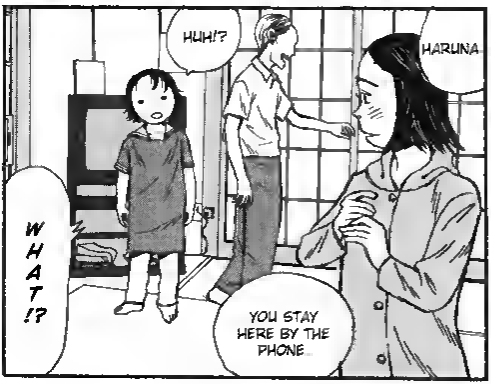
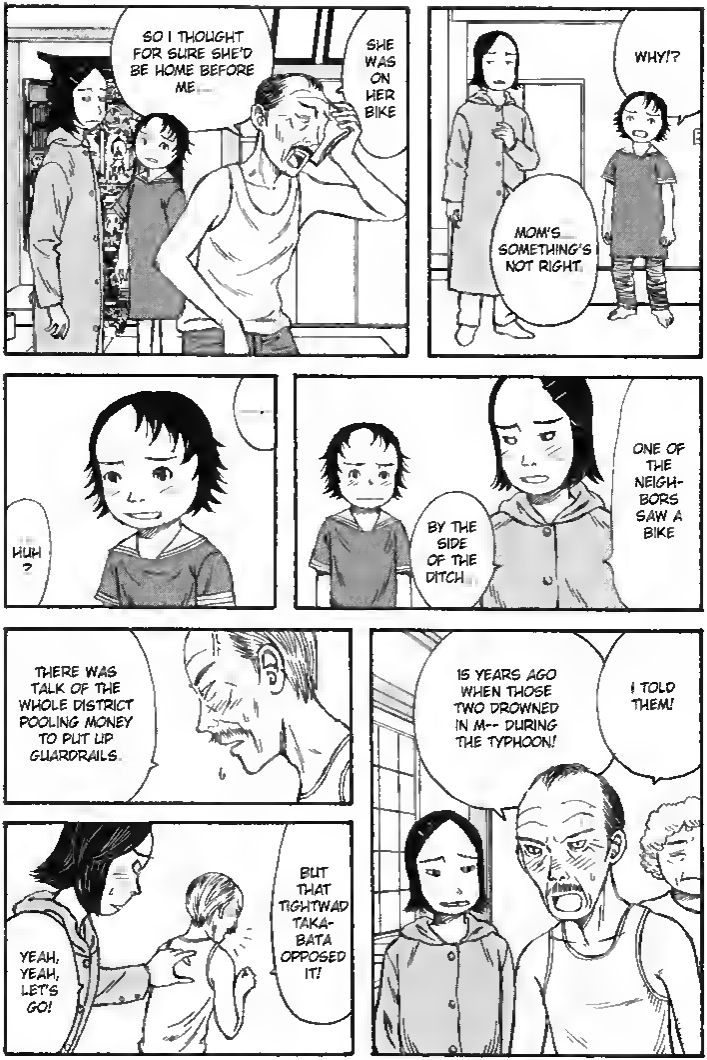
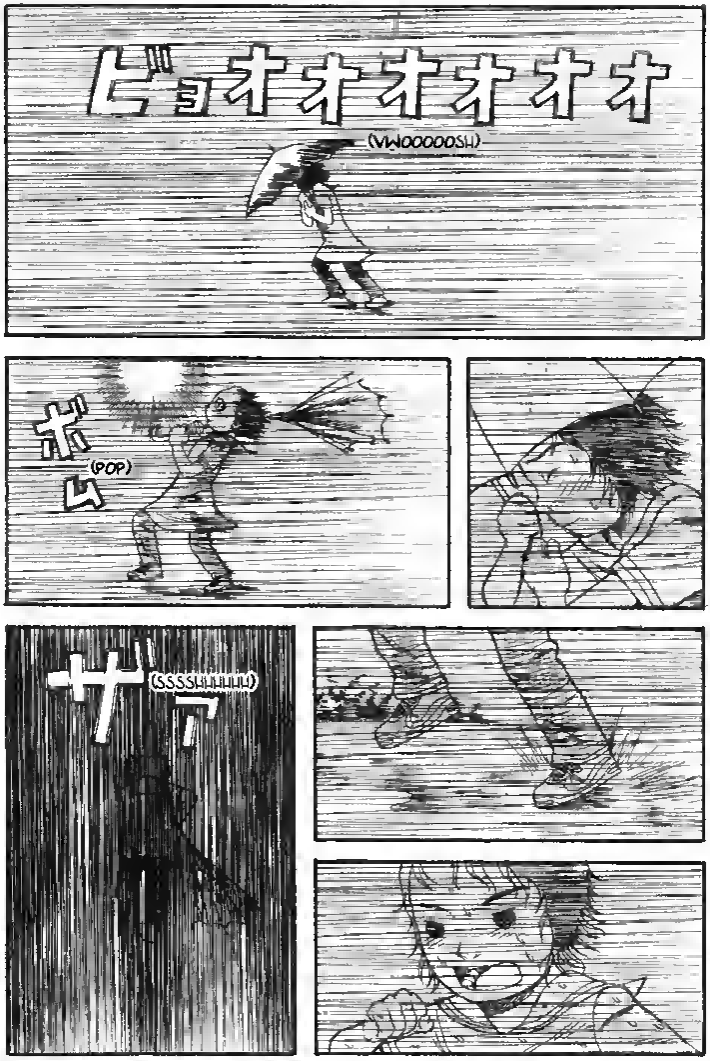
I'VE GOTTA GO...


HUH!?
HARUNA
WHAT!?
YOU STAY HERE BY THE PHONE...

HARUNA!


SO I THOUGHT FOR SURE SHE'D BE HOME BEFORE ME...
SHE WAS ON HER BIKE
WHY!?
MOM'S... SOMETHING'S NOT RIGHT.
HUH ?
ONE OF THE NEIGH-BORS SAW A BIKE
BY THE SIDE OF THE DITCH...
THERE WAS TALK OF THE WHOLE DISTRICT POOLING MONEY TO PUT UP GUARDRAILS.
15 YEARS AGO WHEN THOSE TWO DROWNED IN M-- DURING THE TYPHOON!
I TOLD THEM!
BUT THAT TIGHTWAD TAKA-BATA OPPOSED IT!
YEAH, YEAH, LET'S GO!

DID MOM FALL INTO THE DITCH?
.....
HUH ...?
WHAT'S GOING ON?
EXACTLY!
NO-THING TO WORRY ABOUT!
.....
IT'S NOT THAT DEEP SHE SHOULD BE ABLE TO GET OUT, RIGHT?
.....
(SSSSHHHHHH)
HARU-CHAN!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(VWOOOOOSH)
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(POP)
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(SSSSUUUUUU)

THAT'S OUR BIKE...
DID SHE SLIP IN THE MUD...?
(RUMBLE)
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HARU!
I TOLD YOU TO WAIT AT HOME!
Grasp grasp
Grasp grasp

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(RUMBLE)
BY THIS ..?
DID MOM GET SWEPT AWAY
NO WAY
IF SHE DID.. IT EMPTIES INTO THE TSURUMI RIVER
I'M CALLING THE POLICE!
AKI!
GIVE ME YOUR PHONE!
ピッピッピッピッピッ
(DRRRRIIIING)
HURRY .
JUST HURRY UP!
GIVE IT TO ME! I'LL DO IT!
I CAN DO IT!
HEY!
HOW DO YOU WORK THIS THING!?

THEY SAID A WOMAN'S BODY WAS FOUND IN THE TSURUMI RIVER.
I JUST CALLED THE POLICE STATION.
HELLO?
(BEEP,BEEP)
HEY!
WHAT'S GOING ON!?
DAD!

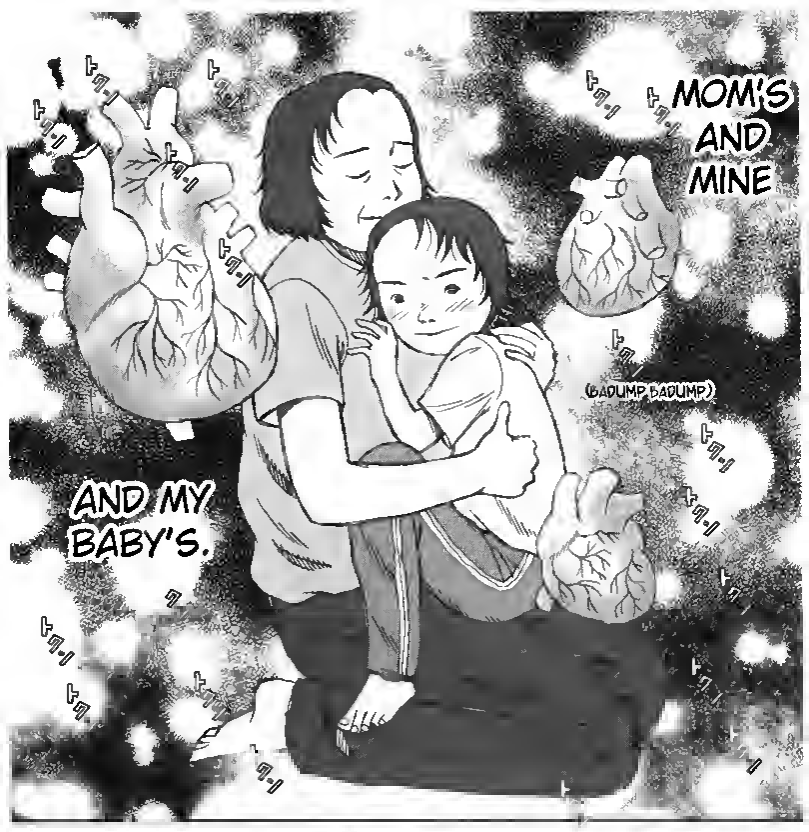
SHE CAN'T
YEAH...
YOU KNOW WHERE FUJIMI BRIDGE IS?
SHE CAN'T.
MOM CAN'T DIE.
IF THAT HAPPENED...
I COULDN'T BEAR IT
NOT WHILE SHE'S STILL MAD AT ME

SHE WENT OUT...?
WELL, WHEN WILL SHE BE HOME?
生田目産婦人科
WHERE IS HARUNA?
WHAT?
SHE WENT SOMEWHERE WITH HER FAMILY...
HELLO?
BZZT BZZT
SHE HUNG UP ON ME!
I DON'T EVEN CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO HER ANYMORE!
WHY DID SHE COME HERE ANYWAY?
STUPID HARUNA!
I DON'T REMEMBER HER GRANDMA BEING SO UNFRIENDLY...

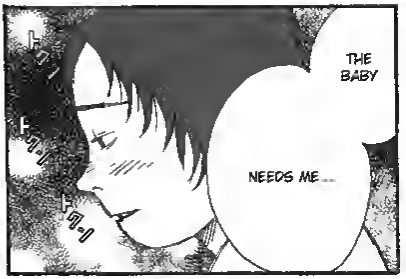
(SSSSHHHHH)
OVER THERE!
OH...

I SAW A WOMAN GET WASHED AWAY...
SO I TRIED TO SAVE HER.
THEN A PASSING CAR GAVE ME A RIDE TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT...
SORRY TO WORRY YOU.
I'M JUST GLAD
YOU'RE OK

I DON'T KNOW WHAT I'D DO WITHOUT HER...
Grab
(BADUMP BADUMP)
THAT'S MOM'S HEARTBEAT...
Badump badump
HEHE...
IT'S LIKE AN ECHO
OF MY HEARTBEAT...
THREE HEART-BEATS...
THERE ARE
HUH?



120 DAYS UNTIL HARUNA GIVES BIRTH!



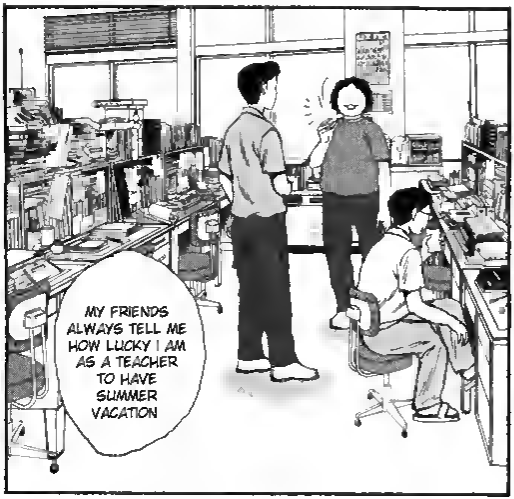
14. A LITTLE LIFE & A LITTLE DEATH

BUZZ
BUZZ
HEY.
CAN YOU HEAR IT?
IS THAT REALLY...?
JUST LIKE I'VE BEEN TELLING YOU.
IT WAS WHEN YOU STUCK IT IN THAT DAY IN THE PARK.

COURSE NOT.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS.
HAVE YOU SEEN DAIGO SINCE THE SUMMER FESTIVAL?
HEY
...I DUNNO.
WHAT DOES HE THINK ABOUT ME?
WHY ME!?
HEY, HIROYUKI.
WILL YOU CALL HIM FOR ME?
HUH!?
HELLOOOOO!
HUH!?
JUST BECAUSE!
WHY ME!?

YOUR MOM TOLD ME
YOU WERE HERE
ARE THERE ANY ADULTS HOME?
MIKA!
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BABY IN HARUNA'S TUMMY!
WHY'S DAIGO HERE?
HE'S THE DADDY, ISN'T HE?
I MEAN .. WHAT YAGI-SENSEI SHOWED US IN HEALTH CLASS WITH THOSE DOLLS
I JUST THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN TO TAG ALONG
'CAUSE HARUNA'S FUNNY
THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN!

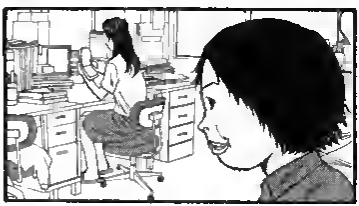
IT'S NOT DAIGO'S FAULT.
I TOLD YOU, I NEVER DID THAT.
THAT'S WHAT YOU DID TO MAKE A BABY, RIGHT!?
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
DID AN ADULT DO SOMETHING TO YOU!?
HARUNA ..
I CAN'T SAY IT IN FRONT OF DAIGO.
THEN.. WHO?
MIKA
COME HERE ..


MY FRIENDS ALWAYS TELL ME HOW LUCKY I AM AS A TEACHER TO HAVE SUMMER VACATION

ONLY 3 DAYS LEFT OF SUMMER VACATION.

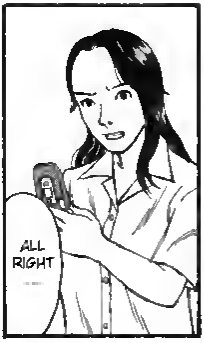
I GET THAT A LOT, TOO
I DON'T GET ANY VACATION AT ALL.
BUT BETWEEN POOL MONITOR AND DAY DUTY, TRAINING COURSES AND BUSINESS TRIPS,

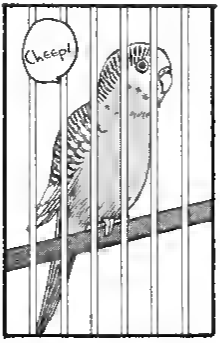
YAGI-SEN-SEI.
WHO'S ON DAY DUTY TODAY?

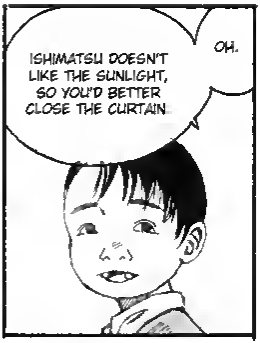


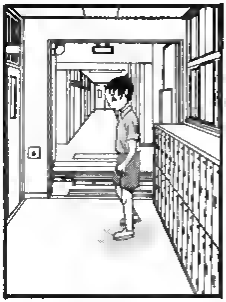
UH...
YAGI-SENSEI.
WILL YOU SWITCH WITH ME TOMORROW?
SOR-RY
I HAVE A TRAINING COURSE TOMORROW.
SURE YOU DO BET YOU'VE REALLY GOT A DATE PLANNED, RIGHT?
NOT AT ALL.
YAGI-SEN HAS THAT SEX-ED THING.
OH YEAH?
WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD.
LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS TEXTING A GUY, THOUGH.

OH, IT IS YOUR TURN TO FEED THE PARAKEET TODAY, NORIO?
LET'S GET SOME FRESH AIR IN HERE.
WHISH
MIKA'S TAKING OVER STARTING TOMORROW.
Why won't you see me?
I'll follow you wherever you go.


ALL RIGHT


Cheep!


OH.
ISHIMATSU DOESN'T LIKE THE SUNLIGHT, SO YOU'D BETTER CLOSE THE CURTAIN.



AND TELL MIKA TO BRING SOME LEAVES.

HIRO-YUKI'S THE DAD...
NOT DAIGO

WOW!
IS THAT FOR REAL?
THERE'S REALLY A BABY IN THERE?
トクン トクン
トクン トクン
BADUMP BADUMP
YOU, TOO, MIKA
THERE REALLY IS
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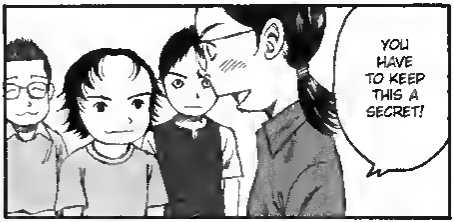
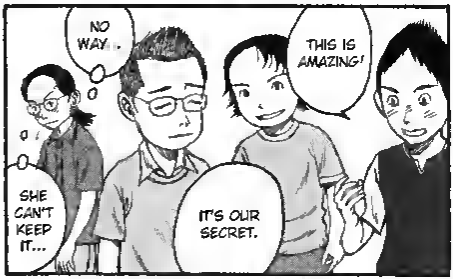
トクン トクン
トクン トクン
BADUMP BADUMP

MIKA!
I'M...
GOING TO KEEP THE BABY.

I HAVE TO TELL YAGI-SEN...


YOU HAVE TO KEEP THIS A SECRET!


NO WAY...
THIS IS AMAZING!
SHE CAN'T KEEP IT...
IT'S OUR SECRET.

LONG TIME, NO SEE!
I MISSED YOU!
YOU SURE GOT TAN!
P.E. SS!

WHAT IS IT, MIKA?
COME ON IN.
I NEED TO TALK TO YAGI-SENSEI...
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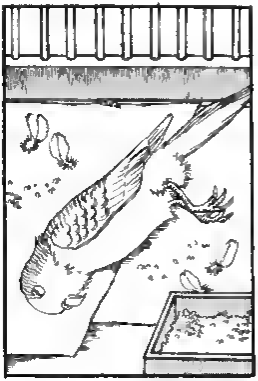
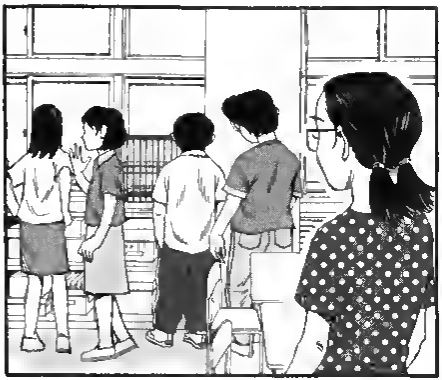
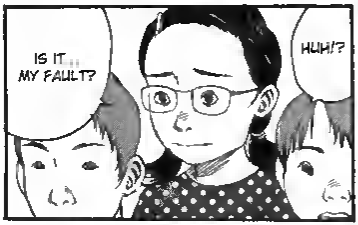
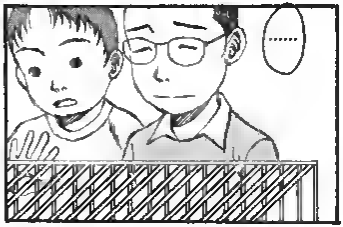
SENSEI, SENSEI!
ISHI-MATSU'S DEAD!






IS IT... MY FAULT?
HUH!?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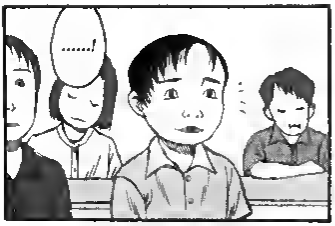
I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THE PARAKEET
ALL I COULD THINK ABOUT WAS HARUNA

DID HE DIE BECAUSE I FORGOT TO FEED HIM FOR ONE DAY...?

YOU FORGOT TO FEED HIM, DIDN'T YOU...?
YES...
GIVE US BACK ISHIMATSU!
SHE'S ALWAYS SO BOSSY TO EVERYONE ELSE.
UGH!
SO IT'S MIKA'S FAULT.
HAVE YOU EVER EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF YOU DIDN'T GET FED FOR A DAY?
DO YOU REALIZE NOW HOW HARD IT IS TO TAKE CARE OF ANOTHER LIVING BEING?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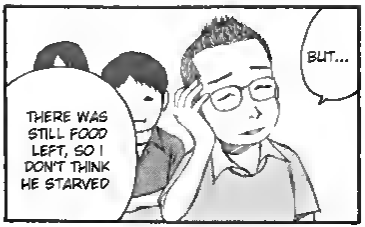
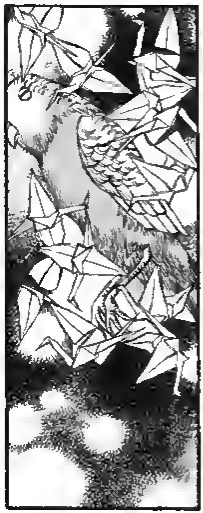
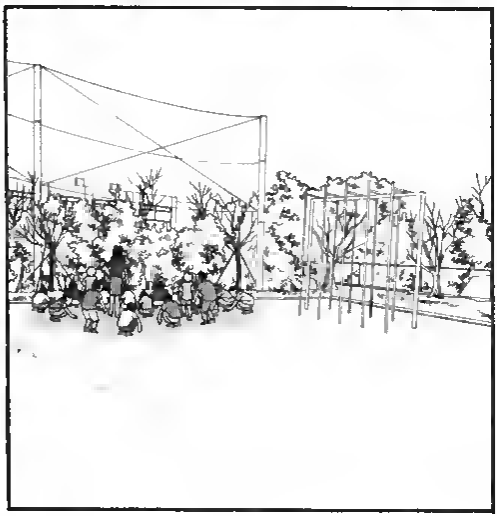
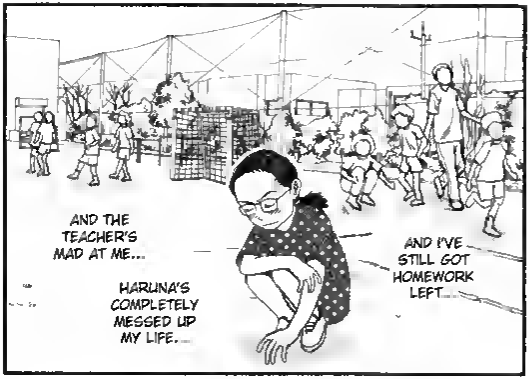

BUT...
THERE WAS STILL FOOD LEFT, SO I DON'T THINK HE STARVED

LET'S GO BURY ISHIMATSU
IN A CORNER OF THE PLAYGROUND

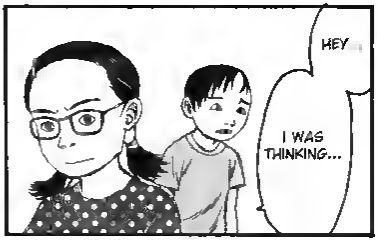


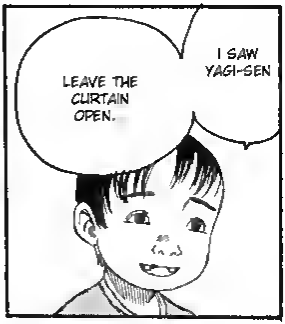



AND THE TEACHER'S MAD AT ME...
HARUNA'S COMPLETELY MESSED UP MY LIFE...
AND I'VE STILL GOT HOMEWORK LEFT...

I LET ISHIMATSU DIE...

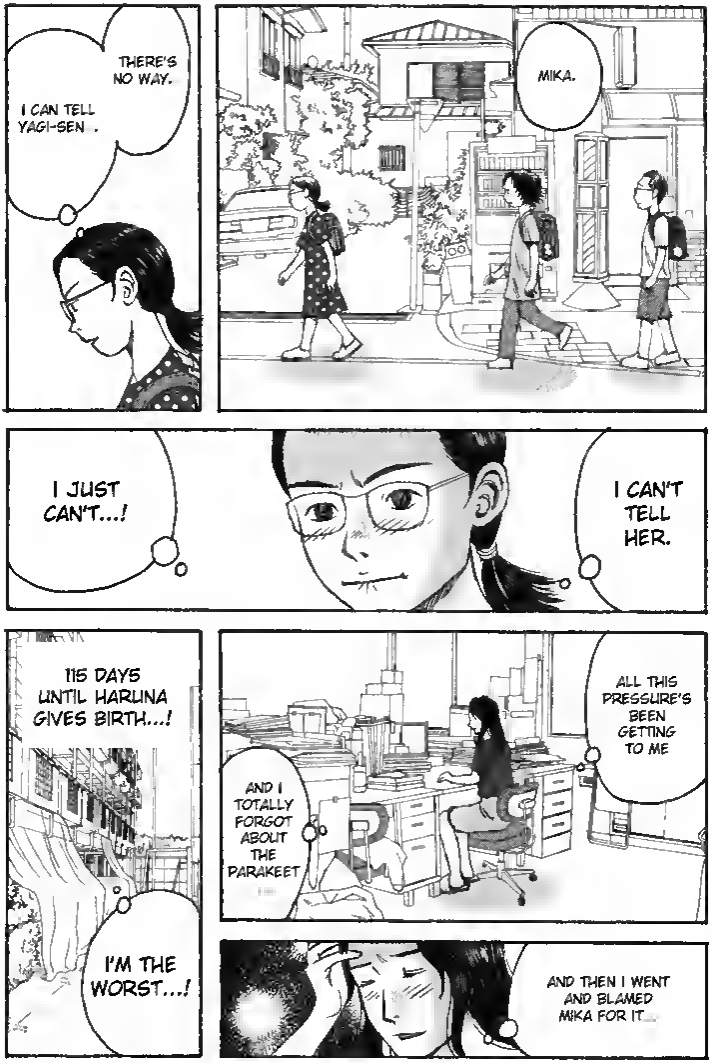
IF HE DIDN'T STARVE,
MAYBE IT WAS HEAT-STROKE


HEY...
I WAS THINKING...


I SAW YAGI-SEN
LEAVE THE CURTAIN OPEN.

HUH...?
WE'VE GOTTA TELL YAGI-SEN!
THAT'S NOT RIGHT.
IF WE DON'T, SHE'LL KEEP BLAMING EVERYTHING ON US.
ISHIMATSU?
HEAT-STROKE?

I CLOSED THE CURTAIN RIGHT AWAY
I...
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY ISHIMATSU'S DEATH
IS MY FAULT, NOT YOURS?
SO.
IT'S MY FAULT
THAT ISHIMATSU DIED?
EVEN IF THAT WERE TRUE,
THAT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT YOU FORGOT TO FEED HIM
UNDER-STAND?
UNFORTUNATELY
I THINK IT IS.


THERE'S NO WAY.
I CAN TELL YAGI-SEN.
MIKA.
I JUST CAN'T...!
I CAN'T TELL HER.
115 DAYS UNTIL HARUNA GIVES BIRTH...!
I'M THE WORST...!
AND I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT THE PARAKEET
ALL THIS PRESSURE'S BEEN GETTING TO ME
AND THEN I WENT AND BLAMED MIKA FOR IT...

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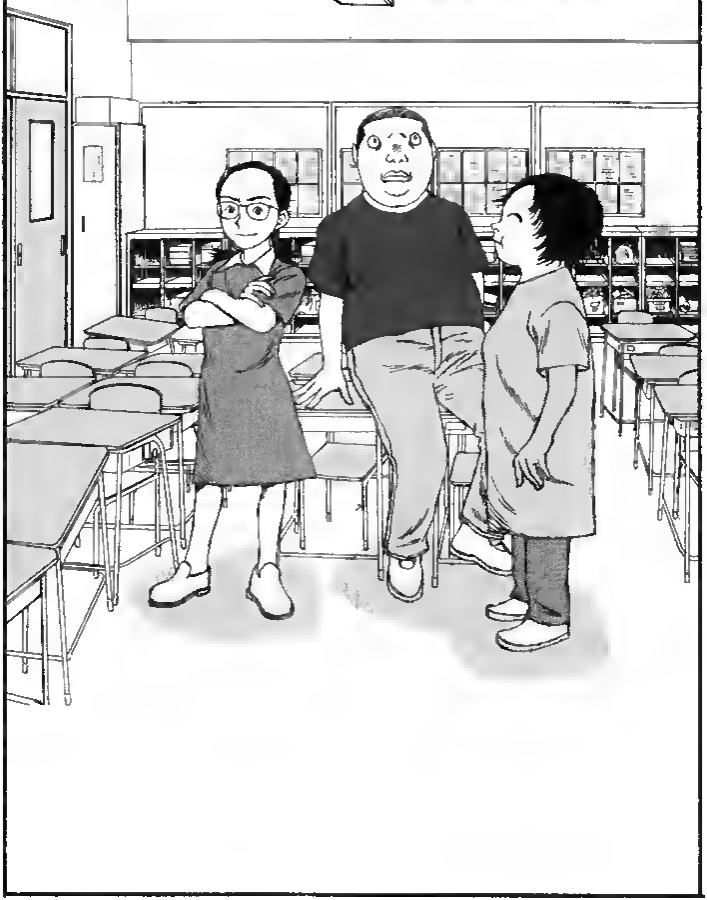
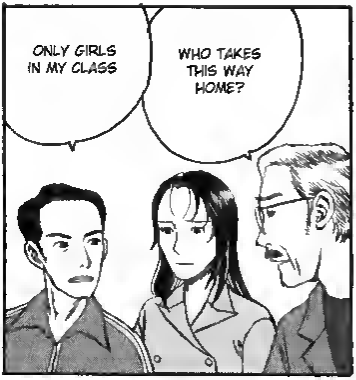
15. THE CRUMBLING CLASSROOM

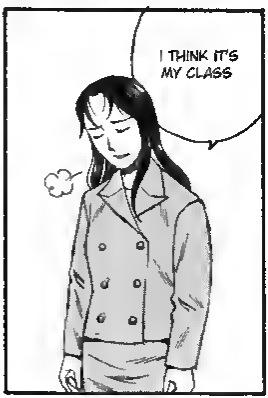


BUT WHEN I OPENED THE DOOR THERE WAS NO ONE THERE.
I HEARD THE DOOR-BELL.
I HEARD GIGGLING AND WHEN I LOOKED IN THE DIRECTION OF THE NOISE, I SAW SOME KIDS FROM YOUR SCHOOL RUNNING AWAY.
THIS WAS THE THIRD TIME
I'M SORRY
I'M SURE WE'LL BE ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHO IT WAS SOON.
AND WE'LL HAVE THEM COME AND APOLOGIZE


ONLY GIRLS IN MY CLASS
WHO TAKES THIS WAY HOME?

IN MY CLASS ..

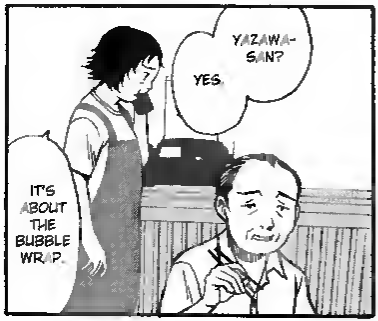
THE OTHER KIDS'LL SPILL THE BEANS SOON ENOUGH
DON'T WORRY. JUST BRING IT UP IN HOMEROOM

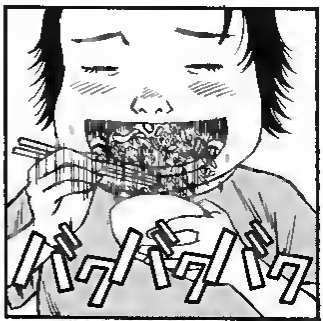

I THINK IT'S MY CLASS

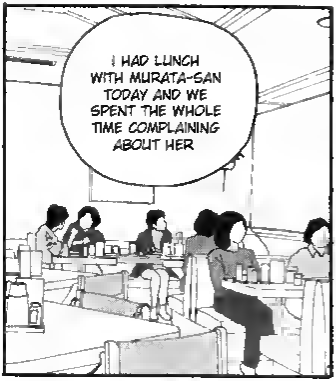
WHY DIDN'T YOU GIVE ME THIS PRINTOUT SOONER?
HARUNA.
I JUST GOT IT TODAY.

GOOD GRIEF. YAGI-SENSEI IS TERRIBLE AT COMMUNI-CATING.

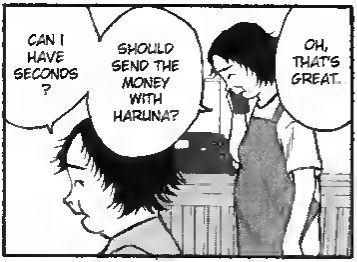
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN GET ANY ON THIS SHORT NOTICE...
SHE WANTS YOU TO BRING BUBBLE WRAP FOR TOMORROW.

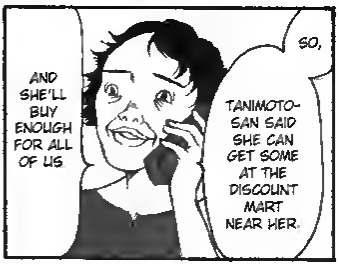

YAZAWA-SAN?
YES.
IT'S ABOUT THE BUBBLE WRAP.


(MUNCH! MUNCH! MUNCH!)

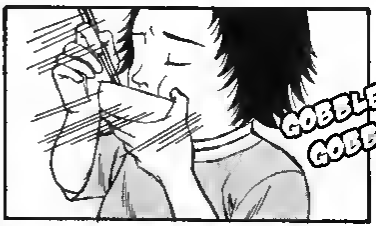

I HAD LUNCH WITH MURATA-SAN TODAY AND WE SPENT THE WHOLE TIME COMPLAINING ABOUT HER

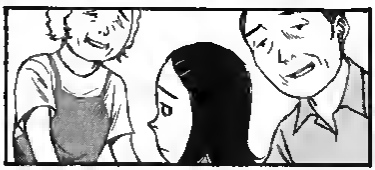
I JUST SPOKE WITH YOSHIDA-SAN ABOUT IT.
YAGI-SENSEI REALLY IS THE WORST.


CAN I HAVE SECONDS ?
SHOULD SEND THE MONEY WITH HARUNA?
OH, THAT'S GREAT.


SO,
TANIMOTO-SAN SAID SHE CAN GET SOME AT THE DISCOUNT MART NEAR HER.
AND SHE'LL BUY ENOUGH FOR ALL OF US.

YOU SURE ARE
EATING A LOT.


GOBBLE GOBBLE

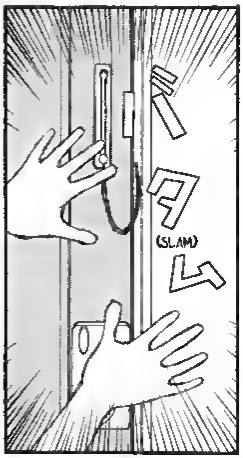


BUT NOW IT TASTES GOOD.
YEAH. I KNOW.
BEFORE YOU ALWAYS REFUSED TO EAT EGGPLANT.
I KNOW.
YOUR TASTES CHANGE OVER TIME
THAT'S GOOD.
THAT'S CALLED GROWING UP.
IT'S THE BABY.
THE BABY WANTS IT.

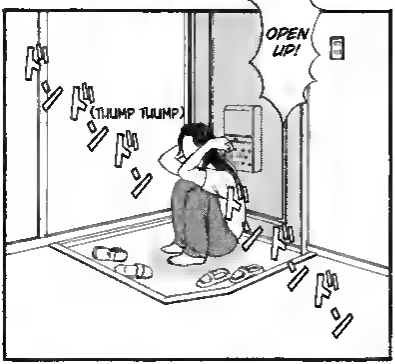
I WAS LATE IN SENDING OUT THE MEMO
YES
I'M SORRY
I'LL BE MORE CARE-FUL
YES
YES
SPECIAL DELIVERY!
YES
DING DONG
YES

(RATTLE)
ガシャーン
(RATTLE)
ガシガシ
HEY!
LET ME IN!
HELLO?
I UNDER-STAND
I'LL BE MORE TIMELY IN THE FUTURE
OW!
DAMN IT!
UH...
YES!
LEMME IN!

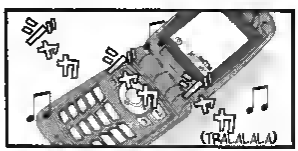
(TUMP TUMP)
OPEN UP!
KI-YO-KO!
HEY!

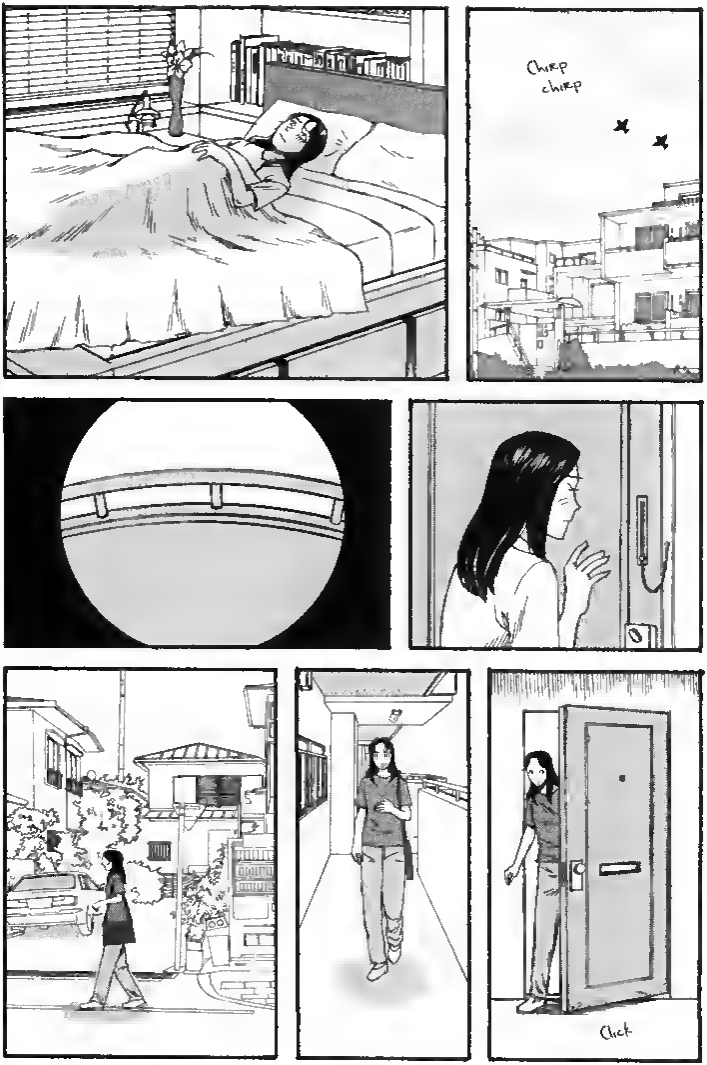

(SLAM)

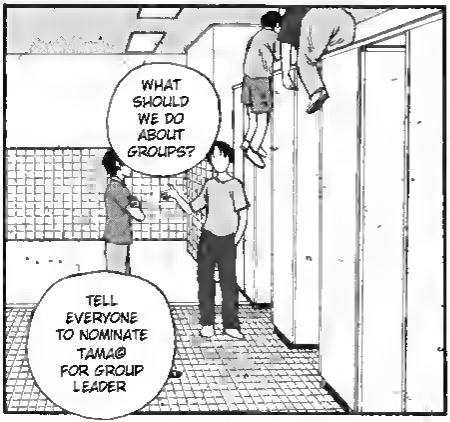
(TUMP TUMP)
WHAT DID I EVER DO TO YOU!?
HEY! OPEN UP!

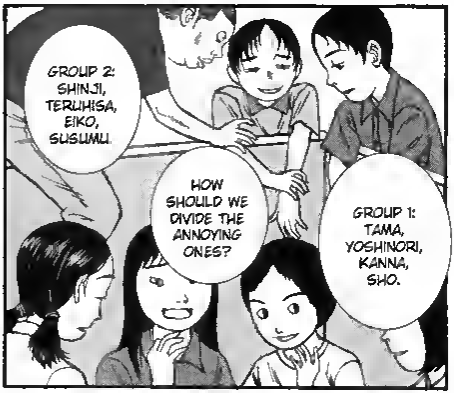

OPEN UP!
(TUMP TUMP)

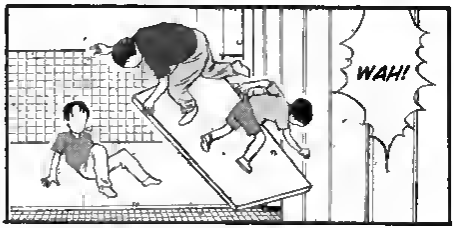
(BRRRRRING)


(TRALALALA)


Chirp
chirp
Click


WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT GROUPS?
TELL EVERYONE TO NOMINATE TAMA@ FOR GROUP LEADER


GROUP 2: SHINJI, TERUHISA, EIKO, SUSUMU.
HOW SHOULD WE DIVIDE THE ANNOYING ONES?
GROUP 1: TAMA, YOSHINORI, KANNA, SHO.

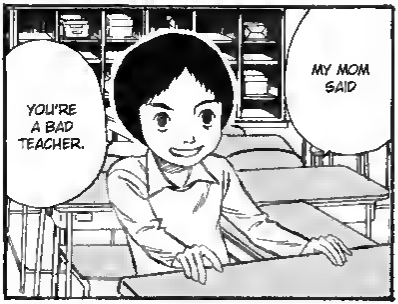

WAH!

WHAT WERE GIRLS DOING IN THE BOYS' BATHROOM ANYWAY?
CHOOSING GROUPS BEFORE WE VOTE ON THE GROUP LEADER IS A LITTLE UNFAIR, DON'T YOU THINK?
WE WERE TALKING ABOUT GROUP CHANGE.
YOU IDIOT!
ANYWAY, WE WON'T BE DOING GROUP CHANGE TODAY AFTER ALL.
WHAAAT!?
THERE'S SOMETHING ELSE WE NEED TO TALK ABOUT

DON'T BLAME US
THE 6TH GRADERS WERE ALWAYS KICKING IN THAT DOOR
DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH IT WILL COST TO REPAIR THAT BATHROOM DOOR?
YOU BROKE SCHOOL PROPERTY AND NOW YOU HAVE TO THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU'VE DONE
GROUP CHANGE!
YEAH!
GROUP CHANGE!
YOU PROMISED WE'D DO GROUP CHANGE TODAY.
DING-DONG DITCH ?
COMPLAINED ABOUT A DING-DONG DITCH
A WOMAN WHO LIVES ON FUJIMI 3-CHOME
IT'S NOT JUST THE BATHROOM!

WE DIDN'T DO IT.
MITSUO
PIGMAN
WHAT!?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO COULD HAVE DONE IT.
THE ONLY OTHER STUDENTS WHO TAKE THAT ROAD HOME ARE GIRLS.
YOU ALL KNOW, DON'T YOU?
YOU KNOW WHO THE DING-DONG DITCHER IS.
WE DON'T KNOW NOTHING.
NOPE
WE DIDN'T DO IT!

WE GOT A CALL FROM THE SAME WOMAN.
THERE WAS ANOTHER DING-DONG DITCH THIS MORNING
SHE SAID IT WAS 3 GIRLS
PANT-
YAGI-SENSEI.
GROUP CHANGE!
IT WASN'T US.
SEE?
NARU-NA! WHAT ARE YOU EAT-ING!?
GROUP CHANGE!
Munch munch
GIVE ME THAT!
GROUP CHANGE!
Munch munch
NO WAY!
GROUP CHANGE!
APOLOGIZE!


YOU'RE A BAD TEACHER.
MY MOM SAID

QUIET!

GROUP CHANGE!
GROUP CHANGE!

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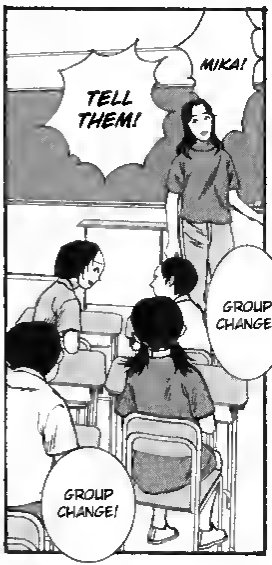
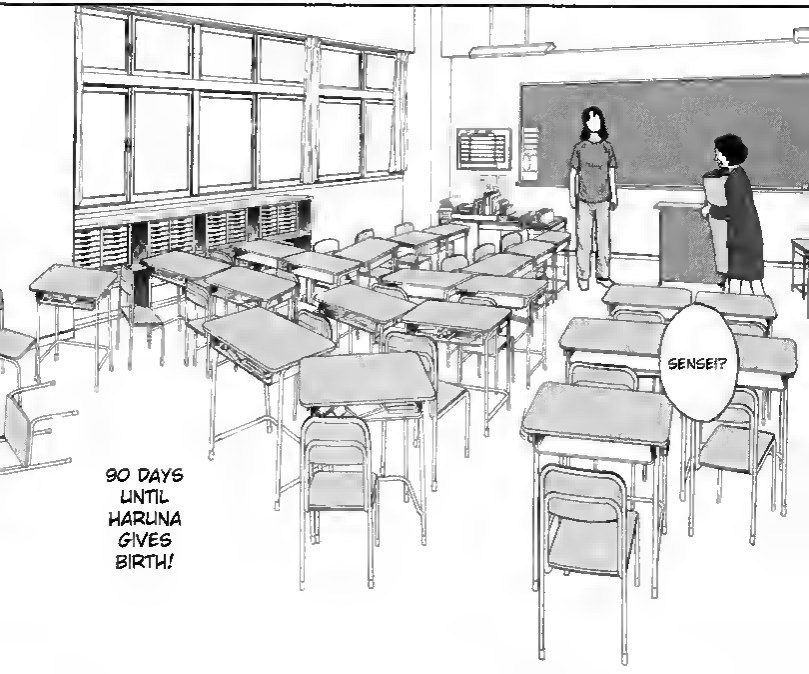
GROUP CHANGE!
GROUP CHANGE!
MIKA...?
EVEN MIKA'S AGAINST HER.
MIKA TOTALLY IGNORED YAGI-SEN.


MIKA!
TELL THEM!
GROUP CHANGE!
GROUP CHANGE!

WE STILL HAVEN'T FINISHED TALKING ABOUT THE DOOR!
GROUP CHANGE!
GROUP CHANGE!
APOLOGIZE!

WHAT IF SOMEONE HAD BEEN DOWN THERE!?
WH, WHAT HAVE YOU DONE!?

GO CLEAN THAT UP IMMEDIATELY!
...YOU HEARD HER
LET'S GO



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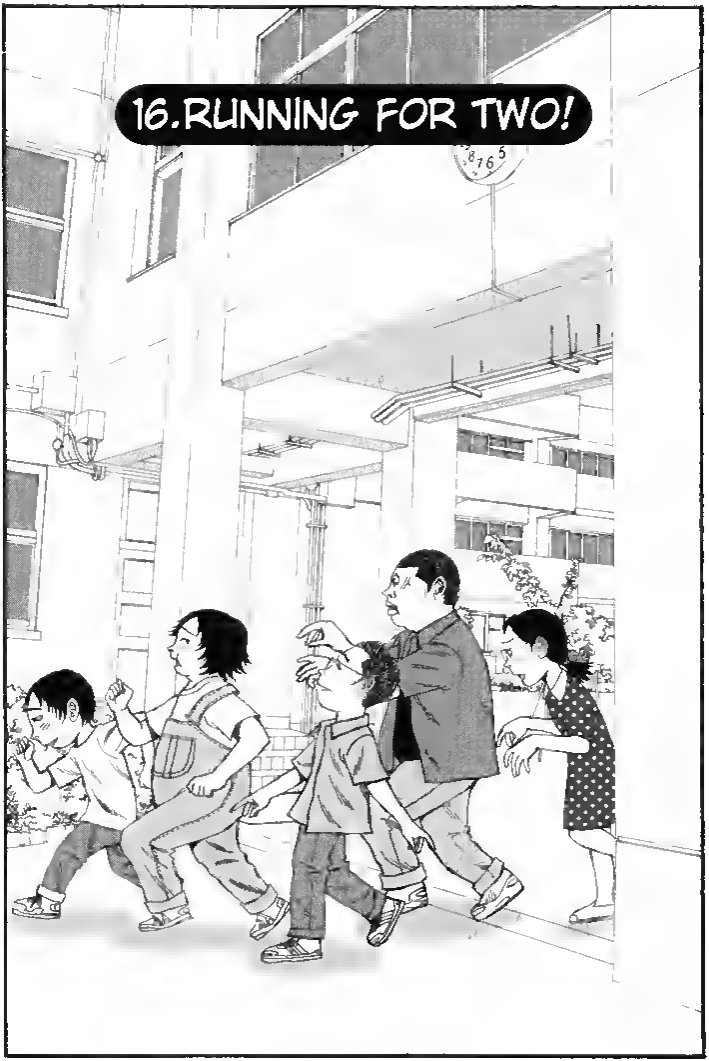
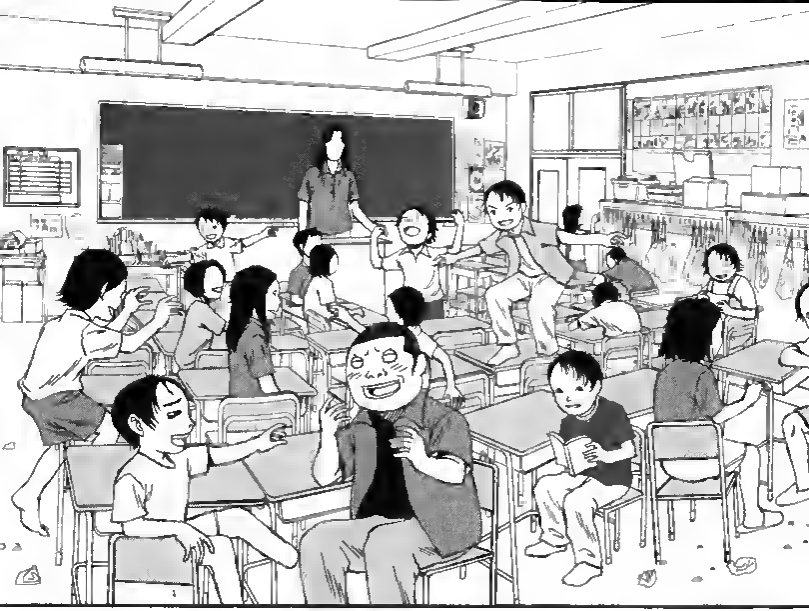

16.RUNNING FOR TWO!

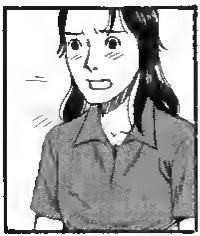
PIGMAN!
TCH!
HUH?
QUIT IT!
PIGMAN! I CAUGHT HIROYUKI!
HARUNA NEVER COMES TO RESCUE HIM ANYMORE
.....
THIS IS BORING.
QUIT IIIIIT!
GIVE HIM A COBRA TWIST!

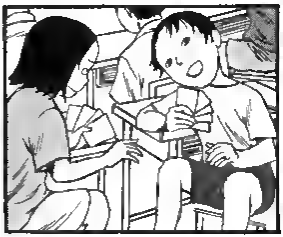
PICKING ON YAGI-SEN'S MORE FUN ANYWAY
HEY!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR THE BELL?
EVERY-ONE IN THE CLASS-ROOM.
HEY, THERE!
CLASS IS STARTING!
I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
DOES SOMETHING SEEM ODD TO YOU
ABOUT YAGI-SENSEI'S CLASS?

JUMP ROPE RACE YOSHIO, FUMIKI, REIKO...
OBSTACLE COURSE. TATSUYA, KOJI, MIKU, AYA
YAGI-SEN'S SO USELESS HE HAS TO WATCH OVER HER
WHAT'S KAMIYAMA-SENSEI DOING HERE?
WHAT? WE'LL NEVER BEAT CLASS 2 WITH THOSE GUYS
RELAY RACE: KAIJI, SHO, KUMIKO...

SPORTS DAY IS NOT ABOUT WINNING OR LOSING.
IT'S MORE IMPORTANT THAT EVERYONE HAS A CHANCE TO ENJOY THEMSELVES.
HOW COME YOU GET TO PICK TEAMS FOR SPORTS DAY?
UGH...
SIIIIILENCE
RATTLE...





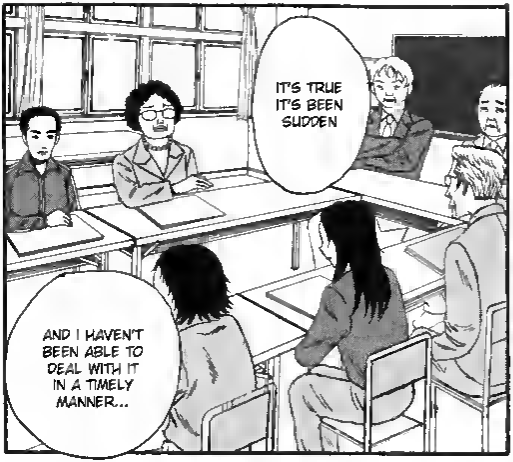


POTATO

MY MOM SAID WE SHOULD GET A NEW TEACHER
I CAN'T BELIEVE SHE'S ALLOWED TO TEACH.
DROP DEAD.
GIVE ME THOSE CHIPS!
HA-RU-NA!

PASS!
HARUNA!
NICE CATCH, TAMA☺
POTATO
NICE PASS, HARUNA!
.....

GIVE ME THAT!
I'M GOING TO TELL ON YOU
TO THE SCHOOL BOARD!
HEY!


IT'S TRUE IT'S BEEN SUDDEN
AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DEAL WITH IT IN A TIMELY MANNER...

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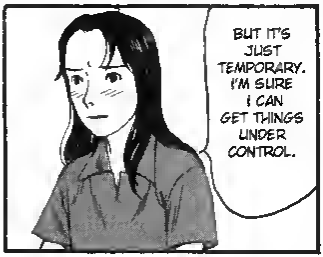
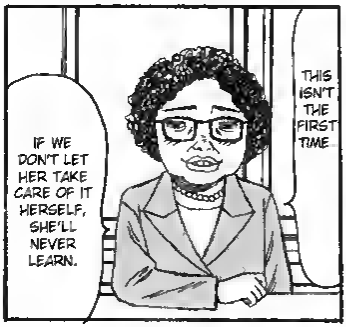
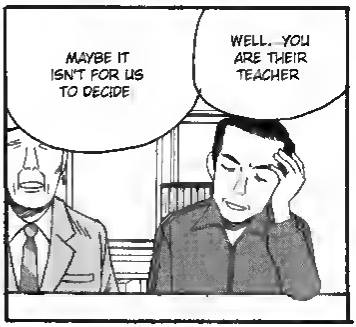

BUT IT'S JUST TEMPORARY. I'M SURE I CAN GET THINGS UNDER CONTROL.

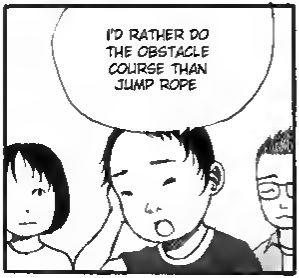

IF WE DON'T LET HER TAKE CARE OF IT HERSELF, SHE'LL NEVER LEARN.
THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME

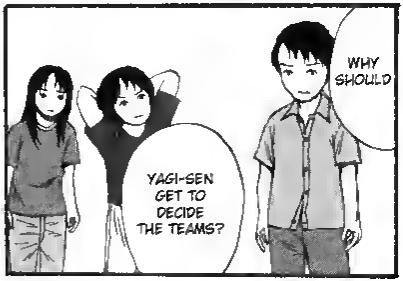

MAYBE IT ISN'T FOR US TO DECIDE
WELL.. YOU ARE THEIR TEACHER

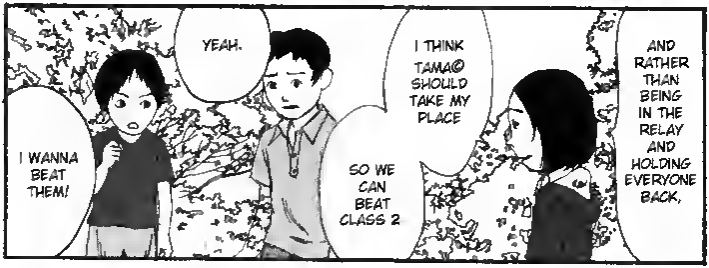
OK.
THE SPORTS DAY COMMITTEE HAS A FEW THINGS TO SAY.
NOW LET'S TALK ABOUT SPORTS DAY.
WE'LL WAIT AND SEE A LITTLE LONGER...
WELL...
BUT CLASS 5-1 DOESN'T HAVE THEIR FLAG DONE YE.
ALSO WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE MUSIC WE NEED, SO PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THAT.
I HATE TO KEEP PICKING ON YAGI-SENSEI,
...

YAGI-SENSEI
YOU HAVE A VISITOR IN THE LOBBY...
!
?
WELL, YOU WON'T OPEN YOUR DOOR AT HOME.
WHAT DO YOU WANT...?

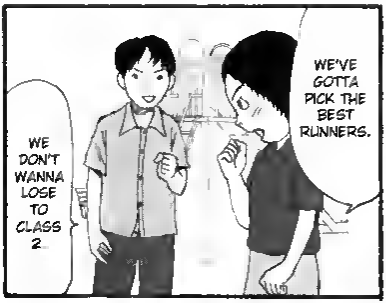
THEN WILL YOU SEE ME AFTER SCHOOL?
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'D COME TO MY SCHOOL LIKE THIS!
PLEASE JUST LEAVE.
HEY!
COME HERE!
CAN YOU BELIEVE HER? BRINGING A MAN ON CAMPUS?
SHE'S IGNORING HER STUDENTS FOR THIS!

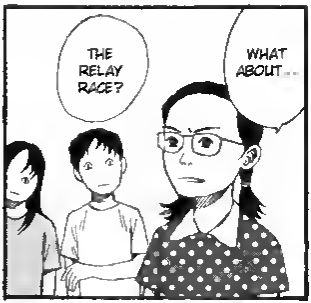

I'D RATHER DO THE OBSTACLE COURSE THAN JUMP ROPE

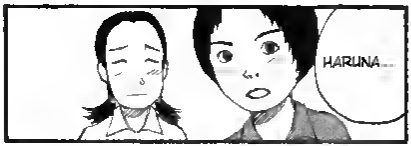

WHY SHOULD
YAGI-SEN GET TO DECIDE THE TEAMS?


I WANNA BEAT THEM!
YEAH.
SO WE CAN BEAT CLASS 2
I THINK TAMAO SHOULD TAKE MY PLACE
AND RATHER THAN BEING IN THE RELAY AND HOLDING EVERYONE BACK,

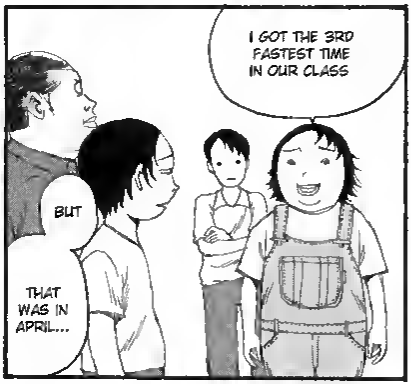
MIKA,
YOU BE IN CHARGE
HUH?
OH NO, I CAN'T.
YEAH.
WE SHOULD PICK THE TEAMS OUR-SELVES
GOOD IDEA
.....
FINE...
MIKA
YOU'RE THE CLASS REP.
YEAH!
BUT YOU'RE THE CLASS REPRESENT-ATIVE
WHO WANTS TO DO THE JUMP ROPE RACE?
ME!
ME!
ME!
AND THE OBSTACLE COURSE?

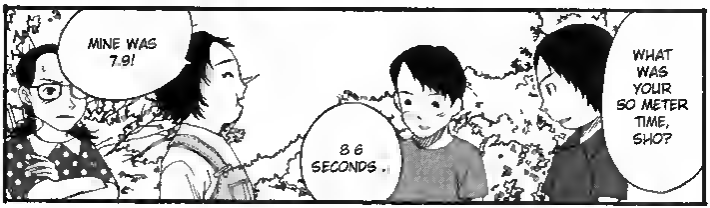

WE'VE GOTTA PICK THE BEST RUNNERS.
WE DON'T WANNA LOSE TO CLASS 2.


THE RELAY RACE?
WHAT ABOUT...


HARUNA...

I'LL DO IT.


I GOT THE 3RD FASTEST TIME IN OUR CLASS
BUT
THAT WAS IN APRIL...

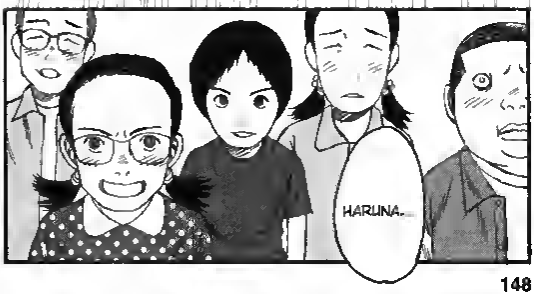

MINE WAS 7.9!
8.6 SECONDS.
WHAT WAS YOUR 50 METER TIME, SHO?

WE'VE BEEN CALLING YOU FATTY BEHIND YOUR BACK, TOO.
SORRY, HARUNA@.
BUT... I MEAN. .
COME ON..
YOU'RE FAT.
.....
HEY!
PIGGORILLA!
WHY YOU_!
OW!
THWAP!
DODGE!
COME BACK HERE!
COME AND GET ME!

YOU CAN'T DO THAT, HARUNA!
BUT SHE'S PREGNANT...!
SHE
SHE REALLY IS FAST!
FOR A FATTY.
HA-RU-NA!
YOU...
HARU-NA...
CAN'T!

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM...
YEAH.
AS LONG AS SHE'S FAST
WHO CARES IF SHE'S FAT
SICK...?
UM...
HARUNA'S SICK
AND I'M NOT FAT, EITHER.
HARU-NA...
YOU MUSTN'T CLIMB UP THERE!
I'M NOT SICK.

85 DAYS UNTIL HARUNA GIVES BIRTH...



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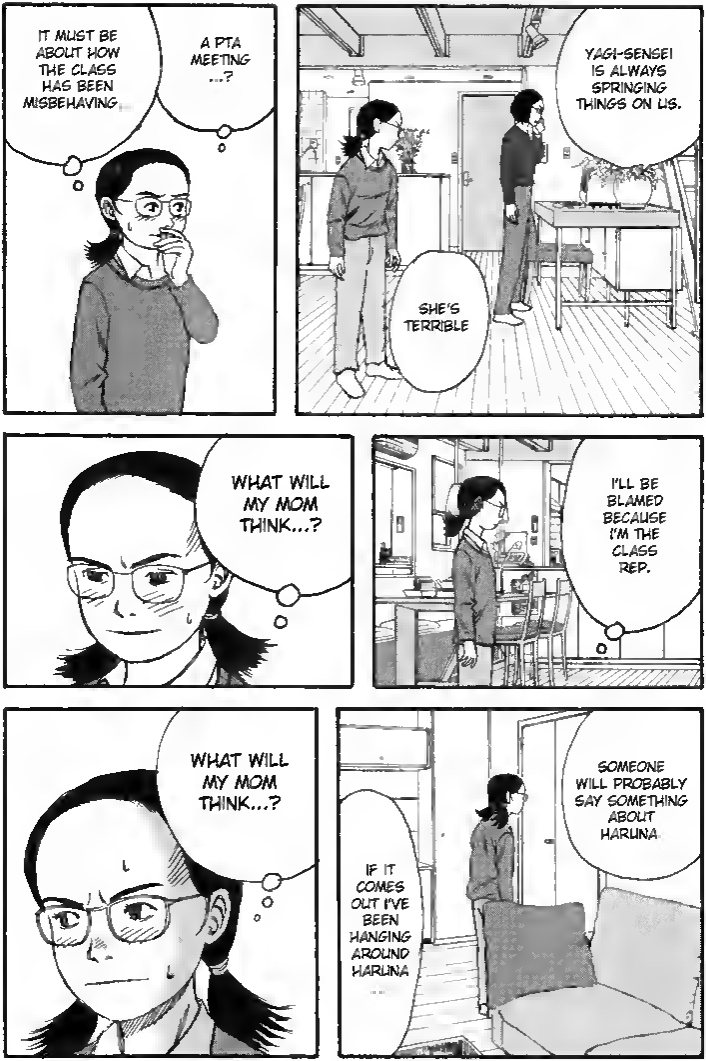
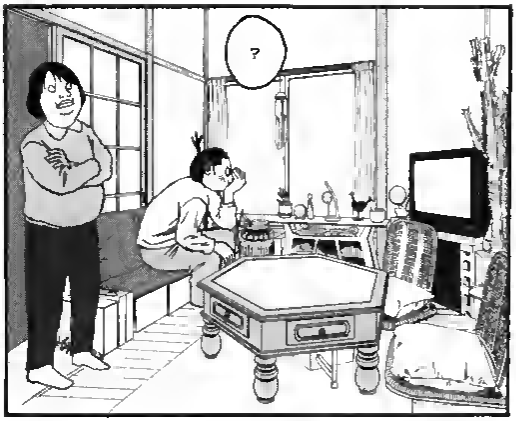
17. THE JIG'S UP?

YOU GUYS HAVE TO KEEP THIS A SECRET!

OH, ARE YOU DONE ALREADY?
YES, THANK YOU.

SOMEONE'S BOUND TO TELL THEIR PARENTS
THIS WON'T WORK
NOW THAT THEY ALL KNOW,
WHAT WILL MY MOM SAY...?
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO HARUNA...?
AND THEN
A PTA MEETING TOMORROW?
YASUI-SAN?
OH MY
BEHHHHNG


IT MUST BE ABOUT HOW THE CLASS HAS BEEN MISBEHAVING...
A PTA MEETING ...?
YAGI-SENSEI IS ALWAYS SPRINGING THINGS ON US.
SHE'S TERRIBLE
WHAT WILL MY MOM THINK...?
I'LL BE BLAMED BECAUSE I'M THE CLASS REP.
WHAT WILL MY MOM THINK...?
SOMEONE WILL PROBABLY SAY SOMETHING ABOUT HARUNA
IF IT COMES OUT I'VE BEEN HANGING AROUND HARUNA ...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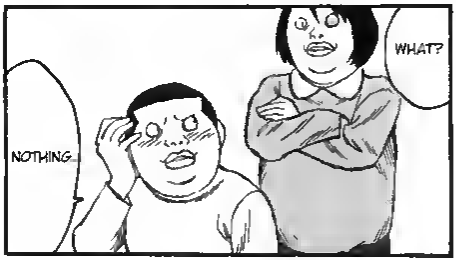
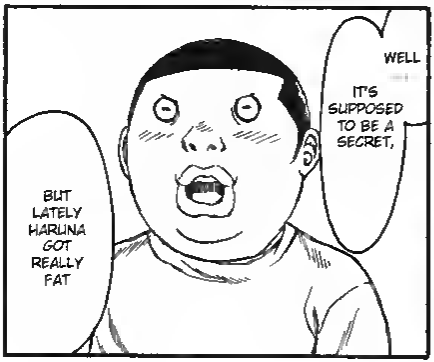
WOW...


WHAT?
NOTHING

WHOA...
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!


WELL
IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE A SECRET,
BUT LATELY HARUNA GOT REALLY FAT

WHAT IS!?
HE HE HE!
MAN, THAT'S JUST. WHOA

.....
AND SHE SAID THERE'S A BABY IN HER TUMMY...
BONK BONK BONK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING !?
IT'S NOT MY FAULT !
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO BE SAYING SUCH NAUGHTY THINGS!
OW!
I...
I HAVE NOT!
BUT THAT'S
WHAP WHAP WHAP
NO REASON TO MAKE UP THINGS LIKE THAT!
I KNOW YOU'VE HAD A CRUSH ON HARUNA EVER SINCE YOU WERE IN PRESCHOOL,

HAVE YOU KIDS
BEEN PLAYING MAKE BELIEVE?
...??
I TOLD YOU!
IT'S NOT MAKE BELIEVE!
THERE REALLY IS A BABY!
OH...
SO THEY ALREADY KNOW ?
IS THAT
WHAT THE PTA MEETING TOMORROW
IS ABOUT?
THAT'S BORING.

EHEHE..
HUH...?
DID SOMEONE TELL?
I GOT A CALL FROM ONE OF THE PARENTS JUST NOW!
GULP!
HARUNA!

I WANT YOU TO COME TO THE KITCHEN AFTER YOU'RE DONE WITH YOUR BATH!
THEY SAID YOU'VE BEEN EATING SNACKS DURING CLASS.

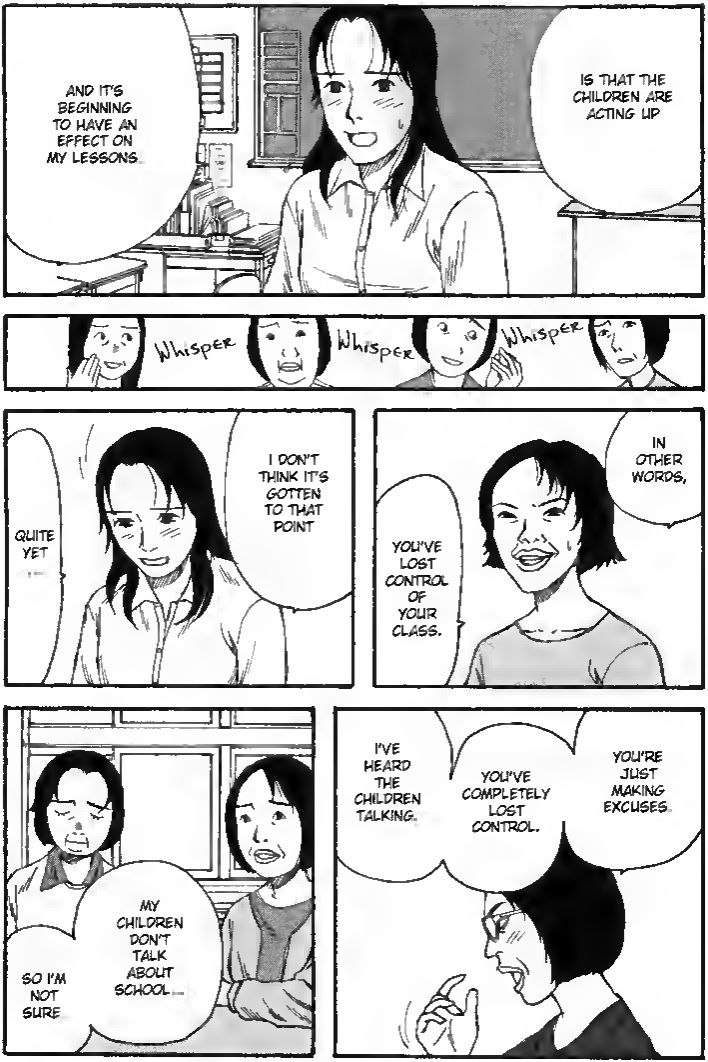
YAGI-SENSEI, YOUR CLASS IS DISORGANIZED
SORRY
CLASS 5-1!
TODAY IS RE-HEAR-SAL
WHY'D WE EVEN BOTHER CHOOSING NEW TEAMS, THEN?
THAT'S THE TEAM YAGI-SEN PICKED OUT.
SHO, HIROKI, DAI, YOU'RE UP.
GOOD THINKING, MIKA
TODAY WE HAVE TO FAKE IT!
IF WE SWITCH TEAMS TODAY, THEY'LL JUST MAKE US CHANGE BACK.

HUH?
OUR CLASS IS HAVING A PTA MEETING TODAY
PAR-ENTS
NO ONE TOLD, DID THEY?
IT MUST BE ABOUT HARUNA...

.....
.....
I DIDN'T!!
AHHH!
THIS IS TERRIBLE
WE'D NEVER WIN WITH THESE TEAMS.

TCH!
CLASS 1 SUCKS!
DAMN IT. .
COME ON, EVERY-ONE
LINE UP AT THE GATE.
SHE'S ACTUALLY GOT THEM UNDER CONTROL TODAY
YEAH...

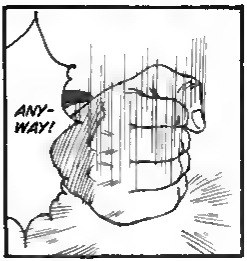
IT'S IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, RIGHT?
SHH!
THE REASON I'VE CALLED YOU HERE TODAY...

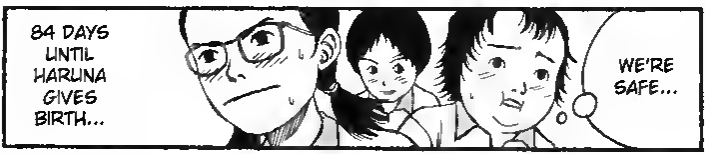

AND IT'S BEGINNING TO HAVE AN EFFECT ON MY LESSONS.
IS THAT THE CHILDREN ARE ACTING UP
Whisper
Whisper
Whisper
QUITE YET...
I DON'T THINK IT'S GOTTEN TO THAT POINT
YOU'VE LOST CONTROL OF YOUR CLASS.
IN OTHER WORDS,
SO I'M NOT SURE
MY CHILDREN DON'T TALK ABOUT SCHOOL...
I'VE HEARD THE CHILDREN TALKING.
YOU'VE COMPLETELY LOST CONTROL.
YOU'RE JUST MAKING EXCUSES.

LEAVING THEIR SEATS DURING CLASS...
PASSING NOTES...
READING MANGA...
PLAYING VIDEO GAMES...
BEFORE, THEY USED TO LISTEN TO MIKA-CHAN, THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE...
BUT NOW SHE STAYS SILENT.
ARE YOU BLAMING MIKA?
NO.
THAT'S NOT IT...
YOU NEVER TRIED TALKING WITH THE PARENTS BEFORE
WHY NOW?
NOW YOU WANT OUR HELP...?
YOU'RE TERRIBLE AT COMMUNICATION.
AND YOU DON'T SEEM TO CARE
FOR THE CHILDREN INDIVIDUALLY
THEY DON'T TRUST YOU

I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR THE CHILDREN IF WE TRY TO FIX THE CLASSROOM SITUATION...
RATHER THAN BLAME THE TEACHER,
UM...
I'M SORRY...
I'VE TALKED TO HER ABOUT IT, BUT..
I HEARD HARUNA-CHAN HAS BEEN EATING SNACKS DURING CLASS.
AND SHE'S STARTED PUTTING ON A LOT OF WEIGHT.
HER APPETITE HAS BEEN OUT OF CONTROL
EVER SINCE SUMMER VACATION

SHE SAID HARUNA IS PREGNANT
YOU'LL NEVER GUESS WHAT MY DAUGHTER SAID.
MINE, TOO.
THAT'S WHAT MY SON SAID, TOO
AND PIGMAN'S, TOO!
WHO TOLD !?
SHH!
IS THAT TAMA-CHAN'S MOM!?
THEY KNOW!
THEY'RE TOTALLY SERIOUS





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18. THE LEGEND OF HARUNA

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BOOM!
BOOM!
HARUNA!
HA...
LIKE, REMEMBER THE LEGEND OF HARUNA?
YOU CAN ALMOST FEEL THE FLAMES COMING OFF HER
SHE'S REALLY INTO IT.

SO INSTEAD OF HANDING OVER THE BATON TO THE NEXT RUNNER, SHE, LIKE, KEPT RUNNING UNTIL SHE GOT AHEAD...
SHE REALLY HATES TO LOSE...
IN 3RD GRADE SHE WAS IN THE RELAY AND, LIKE, WHEN SHE GOT THE BATON, SHE WAS, LIKE, IN SECOND PLACE AND COULDN'T GET AHEAD...
TODAY IS ABOUT LEARNING TO HELP EACH OTHER OUT AND HAVING FUN!
BUT REMEMBER, WHETHER YOU WIN OR LOSE,
I KNOW YOU'RE ALL EXCITED!
...

REI-KO!
YOSHIO!
FUMI-KI!
GET IN POSITION!
FIRST UP
IS THE JUMPROPE RACE ALL PARTICIPANTS TO THE FRONT GATE
HUH...?
WE CHOSE NEW TEAMS.
AND REIKO!
YOSHIO,
FUMIKI,
WE ALREADY DECIDED!
QUIT FOOLING AROUND!
SEN-SEI.
CLASS 1, WE'RE WAITING!!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ...?

STOP...
YOU CAN'T...
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
YOU CAN DO IT!
KAHHHHHHHHH!
YAGI-SENSEI!
...
WHY DON'T WE LET THE CHILDREN TAKE THE LEAD TODAY.
...
BLEH!
ULP!
OOH!

A HAM-BURGER?
A HAM-BURGER!
AND NOW THE SCAVENGER HUNT!
GOOD LUCK, PIGMAN!
STOP THINKING ABOUT FOOD FOR ONCE!
ARE YOU CALLING ME FAT!?
QUIT IT!
YOU ARE FAT!
IT SAYS A HAND-BAG!
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU CAN DO IT, HIROYUKI!
AT THIS RATE WE'LL LOSE TO CLASS 2.
OUR SCORE'S NOT GOING UP.
RED
8
8
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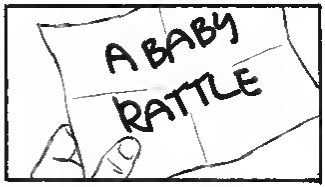
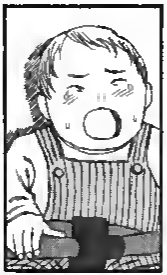
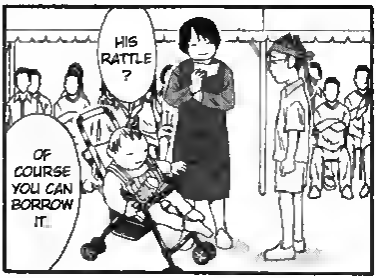
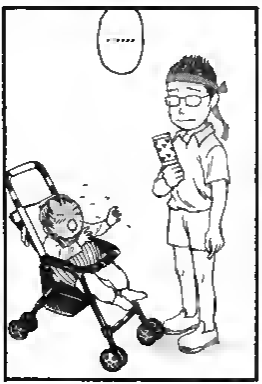

A BABY RATTLE




HIS RATTLE ?
OF COURSE YOU CAN BORROW IT.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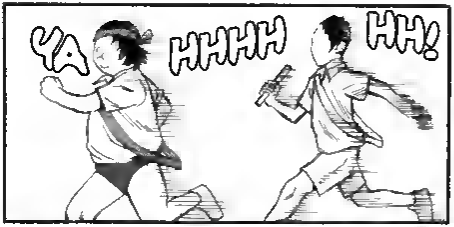
HIROYUKI!
WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!?

AND NOW WE'LL FINISH OFF THE FIRST PART OF TODAY'S FESTIVITIES WITH THE UPPER-GRADE RELAY RACE.
I'LL MAKE SURE TO GET A GOOD LEAD BEFORE I PASS YOU THE BATON!
YEAH!
WE'VE GOTTA WIN THIS, TAMA@!
WOW....
YOU'RE GONNA RACE, HARUNA?
DAI-GO!
HEHE!
HUH!?

GO EASY ON YOU?
WHY WOULD I...
YOU BETTER NOT GO EASY ON HER OR YOU'LL REGRET IT!
YOU SURE
YOU'LL BE OK...?
HARUNA@'S NOT THINKING ABOUT ANYTHING BUT WINNING!
YAHHHHHHHHH!
YOU CAN DO IT!!
BANG!
I'VE GOTTA GET A GOOD LEAD FOR HARUNA!

YAHHHHHHHHH!
TAMA©!
YAHHH
TAMA©, YOU'RE AMAZING!
HHH!
YOU REALLY DID GET ME A HUGE LEAD!

RUN, HARUNA!
YAHHHHHHHH!
DAIGO'S COMING!
YAHHHH!
HARUNA!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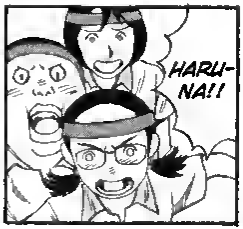
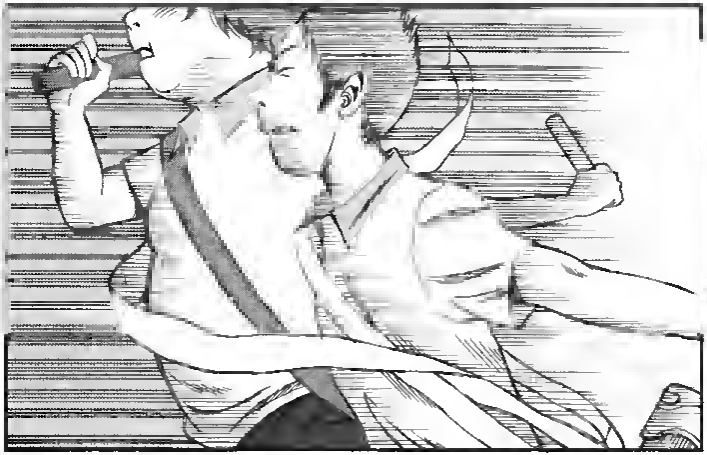
HHHH
HH!


HARU-
NA!!



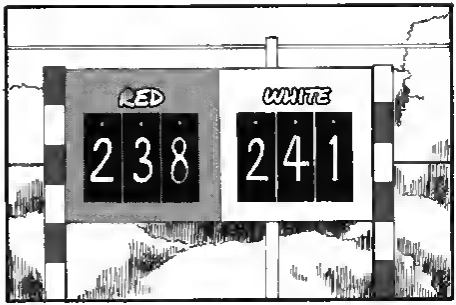
MY BABY
WON THE RACE
FOR ME...

YAHHHHHHHH!
HER
BELLY
WON!

WE MAY NOT BE AROUND MUCH LONGER, SO WE WANTED TO SEE OUR GRAND-DAUGHTER'S PERFORMANCE.
THEY'RE HARVESTING THE RICE.
WE ASKED THEM TO DO IT THIS YEAR.
WHERE'S MOM AND DAD?
IT'S OVER!
WHEN IS THE RELAY RACE?
SO...
HOW I WON THE RACE!
I HOPE YOU WERE WATCHING CLOSELY SO YOU CAN TELL MOM AND DAD

IF YOU HADN'T BEEN SO SLOW, WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD SUCH A HARD TIME AGAINST CLASS 1 IN THE FIRST PLACE!
NO WORRIES
SHE'S FINE!
ARE YOU OK?
SHUT UP, PIGMAN!
YOU FELL, DIDN'T YOU?
NARUNA@'S NOT FAT...
YOU DUMMY!
N...
NOT AS FAT AS NARUNA!
ALL YOU EVER THINK ABOUT IS FOOD!
YOU'RE SUCH A FATTY!
SHE'S P--!
MMPH!
YOU'D BETTER SIT OUT THE SECOND HALF!

IT'S ALL DOWN TO THE CAVALRY FIGHT NOW...


RED
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WHITE
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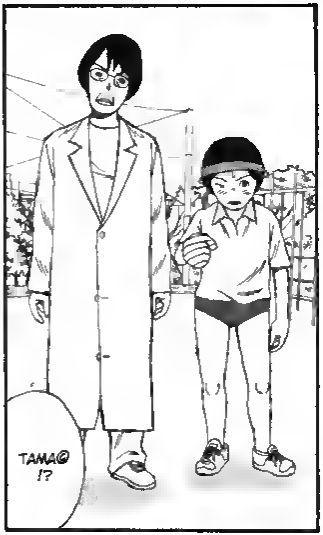
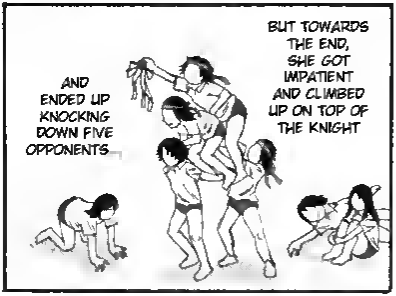
I GUESS I REALLY DID HURT MYSELF...
SHE SPRAINED HER WRIST, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEONE ELSE FOR THE CAVALRY FIGHT.

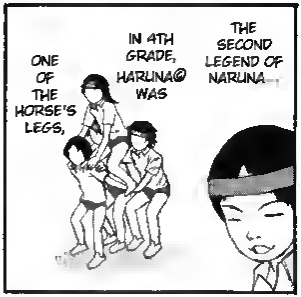

TAMA@!?

WHAT!?

HARU-NA@..
WILL YOU DO IT ?

I HAVE ...
AN IDEA.


BUT TOWARDS THE END, SHE GOT IMPATIENT AND CLIMBED UP ON TOP OF THE KNIGHT
AND ENDED UP KNOCKING DOWN FIVE OPPONENTS...


THE SECOND LEGEND OF NARUNA...
IN 4TH GRADE, HARUNA@ WAS ONE OF THE HORSE'S LEGS,

I'LL DO IT!

THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY...
BUT WE'RE THE HORSES..

JUST SUCK IT UP FOR FIVE MINUTES.
YEAH, SUCK IT UP!

BANG!
THAT'S THE SPIRIT, HARUNA!
URRRGH!!
NO! FOR-WARD MORE!
TURN TO THE RIGHT!

YAHHH!
YAHHHHHHHHHH!
IF YOUR HEADBAND HAS BEEN TAKEN, PLEASE LEAVE THE FIELD AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.
GR
AB
HARUNA, WATCH OUT!
SHE'S GONNA FALL!

PROTECT HARUNA!
SOMEONE CUSHION HER FALL!
FALLEN HORSES, PLEASE LEAVE THE FIELD IMMEDIATELY!

WHICH MEANS
THE VICTORY GOES TO CLASS 2!
WHAAAAAAT!?
WE HAVE A TIE, 5 TO 5.
IT APPEARS
SO I MUST DISQUALIFY CLASS 1.
HOWEVER, IT IS AGAINST THE RULES FOR HORSES WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN DEFEATED TO RETURN TO THE FIELD,

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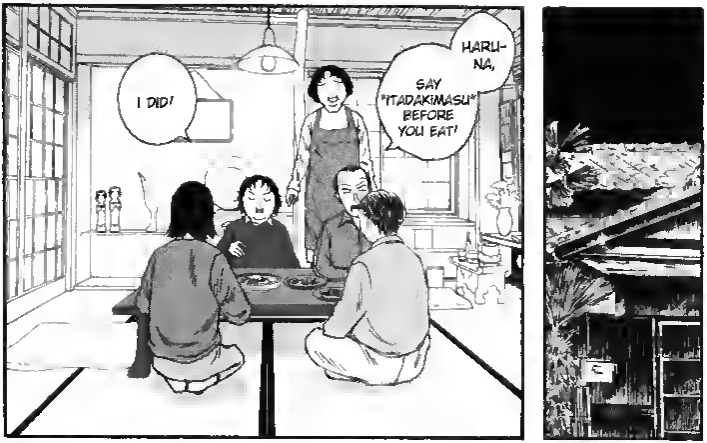
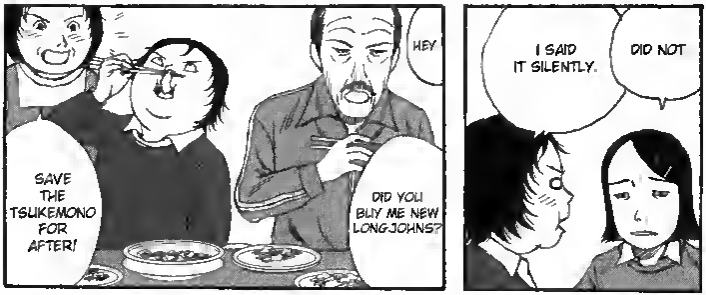
19. GRANDMA'S DECISION



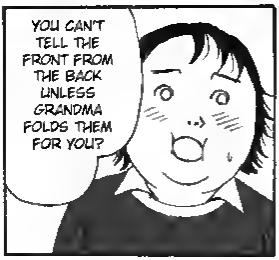
NOTE: ITADAKIMASU IS A SET PHRASE SAID BEFORE EATING. IT IS LITERALLY A FORMAL WAY OF SAYING "I WILL TAKE THIS."



I MAKE GOOD TSUKEMONO, TOO.
BUT I DO A DOUBLE BRINE
IT'S A CLASSIC WIFE VS MOTHER-IN-LAW CONFLICT...
STOP IT, GRANDPA!
WE'RE EATING!
PFFFT
IT'S HARD TO FART IN THESE NEW LONG JOHNS.
THEY'RE NOT NEW.
HUH?
GRAND-PA!!
UGH, STOP IT!!

YOU'RE SO SILLY, GRANDPA!

THEY'RE ON BACK-WARDS!


YOU CAN'T TELL THE FRONT FROM THE BACK UNLESS GRANDMA FOLDS THEM FOR YOU?

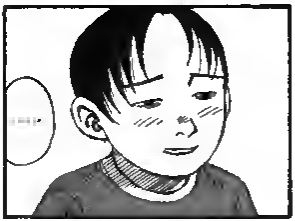
OH, I'M SORRY I'M THE ONE WHO FOLDED THEM
THEY WERE FOLDED DIFFERENTLY THAN USUAL!

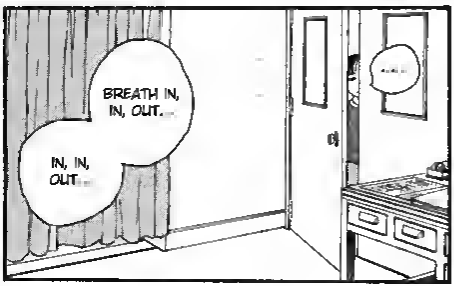
WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITHOUT GRANDMA?
JEEZ

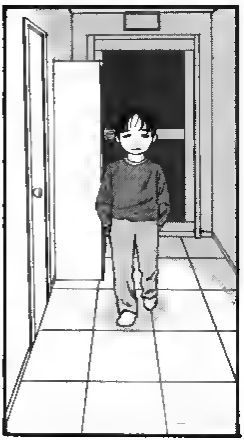
Sputter!
IT'S COLD!
I'M GOING TO BED.
WHEW!
SPLASH SPLASH
AND YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE TO CLEAN UP AFTER HIM, GRANDMA
GRANDPA ALWAYS GETS THE FLOOR ALL WET WHEN HE WASHES HIS FACE!
UGH!

THIS IS WHY I HATE TAKING A BATH AFTER GRANDPA! IT'S ALWAYS SO COLD!
BRRRR!
GRANDMA.
IT'S OKAY,
I'LL BOIL SOME MORE WATER.
GRAND-MA!
COLD WATER AFTER.
THAT'S BECAUSE HE ALWAYS RINSES OFF WITH

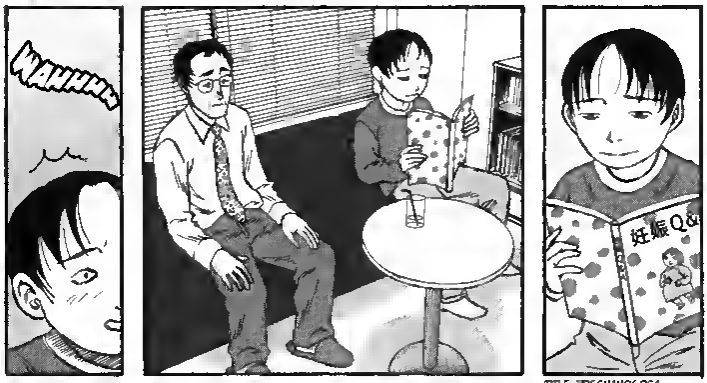
SIGN: NAMATAME CLINIC







NOTE VARIOUS BABY BOOKS



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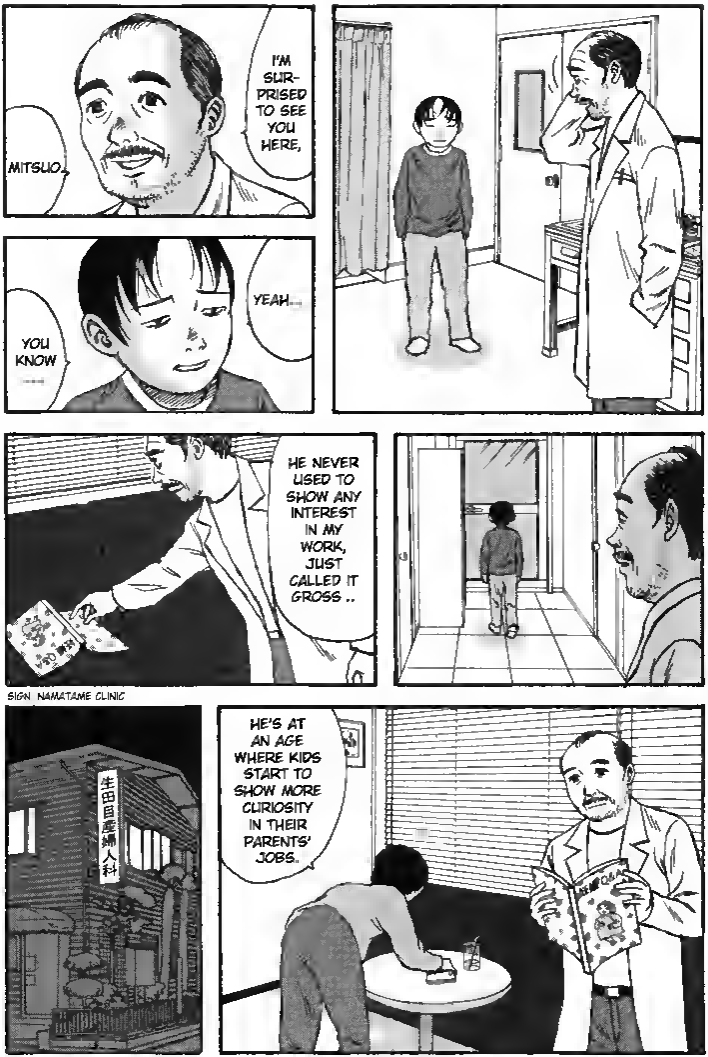
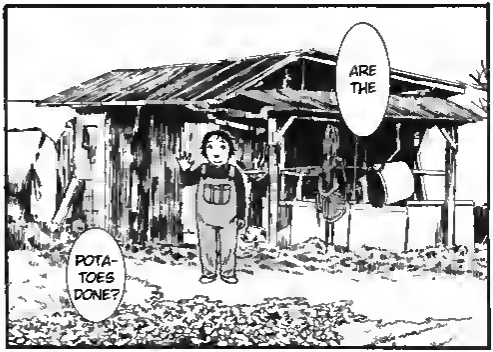
IT'S A HEALTHY BABY BOY!

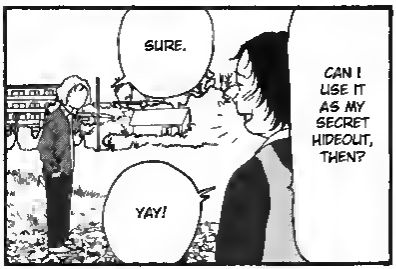

I'M SURPRISED TO SEE YOU HERE, MITSUO.
YEAH... YOU KNOW ....
HE NEVER USED TO SHOW ANY INTEREST IN MY WORK, JUST CALLED IT GROSS ..
SIGN NAMATAME CLINIC
生田目產婦人科
HE'S AT AN AGE WHERE KIDS START TO SHOW MORE CURIOSITY IN THEIR PARENTS' JOBS.

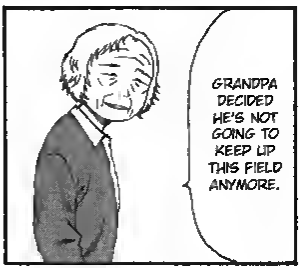
GRAND-MA!
LOOK!
NOW LET'S WRAP THEM IN SOME DAMP NEWSPAPER
AND ALUMINUM FOIL...
OH.
WHAT A GOOD HARVEST.
THE SECRET IS TO COOK THEM SLOWLY IN THE EMBERS.
I FAXED MIKA AND EVERYONE!
WE'RE GONNA HAVE A POTATO PARTY.
IT'S GOING TO TAKE ABOUT TWO HOURS.

HARUNA-CHAAAAN!

NO ONE EVER USES THIS SHED ANYMORE.


ARE THE POTA-TOES DONE?


SURE.
CAN I USE IT AS MY SECRET HIDEOUT, THEN?
YAY!


GRANDPA DECIDED HE'S NOT GOING TO KEEP UP THIS FIELD ANYMORE.

THE SOUND WILL TELL YOU WHEN THEY'RE DONE
TAP TAP
WANT TO TRY GIVING THEM A TAP?
JUST LIKE YOUR BELLY.
TAP TAP
IF I GAVE IT A TAP,
WOULD I FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE?
HUH?

SO..
I WAS RIGHT ...
GRANDMA ...

I'M SUR-PRISED
OF COURSE
AREN'T YOU SURPRISED, GRANDMA?
WE'RE HERE FOR THE BAKED POTATOES!
HARUNA ...?

HOHOHO...
SO YOUR FRIENDS ALL KNOW, DO THEY ...?
HUH ...!?
GRANDMA FOUND OUT...
.....
BUT
IF ANY OF THOSE ADULTS BLAME YOU, HARUNA...
YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO TELL AN ADULT EVENTUALLY.
YOUR GRANDMA WILL PROTECT YOU.

I KNEW THIS WASN'T SOMETHING THAT CHILDREN SHOULD TAKE ON ALONE...
WHAT A RELIEF ...
MIKA...
THIS MUST HAVE BEEN HARD FOR YOU, MIKA-CHAN
I SEE ...
ARE YOU CALLING ME A PIG!?
YOU ALWAYS FOLLOW THE SMELL OF FOOD.
YOU ARE A PIG.
ARE THE POTATOES DONE YET?
PIG-MAN!
MITSUO!

WILL IT BE OK?
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN PREGNANT IF YOU COULDN'T GIVE BIRTH.
THE HUMAN BODY IS AMAZING
LIFE IS WHATEVER YOU MAKE OF IT.
GRANDMA ...
I'VE RUINED MY LIFE, HAVEN'T I...?
AND AT THE VERY LEAST,
THAT CHILD'S LIFE HAS ALREADY BEGUN.

THIS BABY IS HERE SO THAT YOU
CAN BRING IT INTO THIS WORLD.
THAT'S ALL YOU NEED TO THINK ABOUT.
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OK!
14 DAYS... UNTIL HARUNA GIVES BIRTH!

CHAPTER 19/END

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5TH GRADERS HARUNA AND HIROYUKI HAVE BEEN FRIENDS EVER SINCE THEY MET AT THE PARK AS TODDLERS. IN SPRING OF THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR, THE TWO WERE PLAYING TOGETHER IN THE PARK WHEN THEY DECIDED TO EXPLORE EACH OTHER'S PRIVATE PARTS AND "STICK IT IN", A DECISION THAT WILL END UP CAUSING A HUGE UPROAR...

WHEN SHE STARTS THROWING UP, HARUNA TAKES A HOME PREGNANCY TEST AND FINDS OUT THAT SHE'S PREGNANT. SHE TRIES TO CONFIDE IN HER FAMILY AND TEACHERS, BUT NO ONE TAKES HER SERIOUSLY. AND THEN THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE FINDS OUT...